







An Opera in Three Acts

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Characters of the Drama

COUNT ARNHEIM, Governor of Presburg	g .	3			,	,	٥	1	Baritone
THADDEUS, a proscribed Pole			•		٠				Tenor
FLORESTEIN, nephew of the Count .	,			•	,			,	Tenor
DEVILSHOOF, Chief of the Gipsies .			,	,		,		,	Bass
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD					,		,	,	Bass
AN OFFICER		ð	3	,		•			Tenor
ARLINE, daughter of the Count		•				,	,	,	Soprano
BUDA, her attendant									Soprano
QUEEN OF THE GIPSIES				٠				•	Soprano

Chorus of Gipsies, Huntsmen. Guests, etc.

THE SCENE IS LAID IN PRESBURG AND ENVIRONS



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First Performed at Her Majesty's Theatre, Drury Lane, London, November 27, 1843, with the Following Cast:

ARLINE, .				Soprano,			MISS ROMER
GIPSY QUEEN,		,		Contralto,			MISS BETTS
THADDEUS,				Tenor, .			MR. HARRISON
DEVILSHOOF,		•	100	Bass, .			MR. STRETTON
COUNT ARNHE	EIM,			Bass, .			MR. BORRANI
FLORESTEIN,		e		Tenor, .			MR. DURNSET

The Bohemian Girl

There seems to be a hopeless disagreement between the critics and the public as to "The Bohemian Girl." Few operas have been so generally faulted, both by the reviewers for the press at the time of its production and by more deliberate critical writers since; yet not many English operas have had a greater measure of success, as success is measured—by popularity. After the lapse of near sixty years, Balfe's work is still one of the indispensable resources of the manager who wishes to give English opera, and its title is one to conjure with. It may not live to reach the span of a century—to which, as has been truly observed, only a very few masterworks of the greatest geniuses have ever attained—and, indeed, it has long been a stranger to the aristocratic opera houses of the world's capitals. But that it has survived nearly two generations of opera-goers, and still keeps its place in the hearts of a great section of the public, are facts that must be reckoned with as denoting a vitality not given to many works of its class. Balfe was no great musician; he had not even the instinct for dramatic music, nor much artistic conscience; but he had a remarkable fund of invention

of a certain sort, the practical knowledge of writing fluently for the voice, and the power of producing melodies of the kind that fasten themselves deep in the popular heart.

To trace the origin of "The Bohemian Girl" leads us far back into the literary history of Europe. Balfe's libretto was devised by Alfred Bunn, the erratic London operatic manager, who learned through his ventures with English and Italian opera more ways of spelling ruin than it falls to the lot of most, even of his profession, to learn. He was the author of a number of librettos for English operas, produced in London during the period of his activity there, deriving his inspiration almost altogether from French models. This was the case with "The Bohemian Girl." Its theme was taken directly from the French ballet, "La Gipsy," produced in Paris in 1839, and constructed by the Marquis de Saint-Georges, first of French librettists after Scribe, and collaborator with many of the French composers of the day - in this instance with three, Benoist, Ambroise Thomas and Marliani. According to Mr. Sutherland Edwards, however, "The Bohemian Girl" is not only identical in subject with "La Gipsy," but is a translation of an unpublished opera founded on that ballet, and written also by the Marquis de Saint-Georges. The English version is evidently called "The Bohemian Girl" because the Marquis de Saint-Georges entitled his "La Bohémienne," which means "The Gipsy Girl," and has nothing to do with Bohemia, either the country or that strange section of society that has appropriated its name. Mr. Bunn seems to have mistaken the meaning of the title, and having suggested several others (including "Thaddeus of Warsaw," which was obviously misleading through its connection with a once popular novel upon an entirely different subject), settled upon "The Bohemian Girl," as being an exact translation, though the heroine of his story is not a Bohemian, and Bohemia is in no way suggested in it. For his ballet as well as his opera, M. de Saint-Georges had gone to Cervantes. The Spanish master published his "Novelas Exemplares" in 1613, some years after his great masterpiece, "Don Quixote." These, says one of his biographers, are a collection of tales of very various character, which are the true originals, in the modern literature of Europe, of the novel or story of real life, with plot, scenery, character and local color. "In the charming story of 'La Gitanilla' is to be found the germ of all the Gipsy romances, poems and operas that have since delighted the world." Of these last there are indeed many; though we need mention now only the play, "Preciosa," to which Weber wrote an overture and some incidental music. This was derived directly from the same story by Cervantes that has furnished the substance of "The Bohemian Girl."

That the story underwent much modification before it reached the stage as an English opera, may easily be imagined. Preciosa, in Cervantes' "exemplary novel," "La Gitanilla" ("The Gipsy Girl"), is a member of a Gipsy band and is under the special charge of an alleged aunt. Don Juan, a young nobleman of Madrid, falls so violently in love with the girl that he gives up his family and joins the band of Gipsies as her affianced husband. In the course of their travels a young woman of the country becomes enamored of Don Juan and wishes to marry him, but being repulsed, accuses him of theft,

having previously put a number of her jewels with his belongings. The evidence being thus against him, he is imprisoned; and having struck down a soldier of the guard, who insults him, is charged with murder. Preciosa goes to the house of the governor of the province to intercede for him. The Gipsy aunt, seeing no other way to extricate Don Juan, also repairs thither with a casket of jewels as proof of the revelation which she then makes, that Preciosa is the governor's daughter. A birthmark upon the girl's shoulder and a peculiar web between two of her toes complete the identification. She refuses, however, to give up Don Juan; and when the latter proves his noble birth and his true rank, their marriage takes place.

The incidents of Balfe's opera are supposed to occur in Hungary. Preparations for a hunt are in progress upon the grounds of Count Arnheim, governor of Presburg. The Count, with his daughter, Arline, and his effeminate nephew, Florestein, depart upon this errand, when Thaddeus, a Polish exile and fugitive, appears, in flight from the Austrian soldiers. Then comes a troop of Gipsies, headed by Devilshoof, who hears Thaddeus's story and induces him to join them. At this juncture Florestein and some of the hunters return in quest of Arline, who has been attacked by a stag. It falls to Thaddeus to rescue her, whereupon he is overwhelmed by the gratitude of the Count and invited to join the festivities that are to ensue. At the banquet he refuses to toast the Austrian Emperor, and the guests are about to seize him, when Devilshoof interferes, and is arrested instead. Thaddeus departs, and the Gipsy immediately escapes, taking Arline with him.

Twelve years now elapse, during which the Count has given up his She has been living with the Gipsies, of whose band daughter for lost. Thaddeus has also become a member. Their camp in a street of Presburg is disclosed in the second act. Waiting in quest of plunder under the lead of Devilshoof, the Gipsies capture a prisoner who is none other than Count Arnheim's nephew, Florestein. He is despoiled of his jewelry, including a medallion, which is appropriated by Devilshoof. They again disappear, and Arline, who has been asleep during this episode, awakes, to tell Thaddeus, who has been watching her, of her dream, in the aria, "I Dreamt that I Dwelt in Marble Halls." Thaddeus then discloses to her the fact that the scar on her arm was inflicted by the stag from which he rescued her; but he does not enlighten her as to her birth and family. He declares his love for her, and is then and there united to her, in accordance with the customs of the tribe, by the Gipsy Queen, who appears at this moment. She, however, vows vengeance secretly upon the pair as she performs the rite, for she is herself in love with Thaddeus. The scene changes, and we see the Gipsy band as a part of the throng at a fair in the streets of Presburg. Florestein also makes his appearance in the crowd, and, being taken by the appearance of Arline, addresses her, which she vigorously resents. The Queen, recognizing in Florestein the owner of the medallion, gives it to Arline, ostensibly to reward her for her spirit, really with the purpose of brewing trouble. The trouble comes when Florestein sees the trinket upon Arline's neck, and charges her with its theft. In defending her Thaddeus is arrested with her. Again the scene changes. Count Arnheim is in his apartment in the Hall of Justice, and gives utterance to his grief at the loss of his daughter in the aria, "The Heart Bowed Down with Weight of Woe." Arline is brought before him for trial. He sees the scar on her arm and asks its origin. Arline repeats the story Thaddeus has recently told her, whereupon the Count recognizes her as his lost daughter.

In the third act Arline is found restored to her father's home, but still true to her love for Thaddeus. Her lover comes to her for an interview, with the aid and companionship of Devilshoof, and tells her again of his love in the song, "When Other Lips and Other Hearts." They are interrupted by the approach of a large company of guests; Thaddeus conceals himself, and Devilshoof escapes. In the midst of the festivities the Gipsy Queen arrives, closely veiled for disguise, and reveals the presence of Thaddeus. He is dragged forth from his hiding-place and ordered to leave the house. Arline declares her love for him, proclaims her purpose to follow him, and implores her father to relent. Thaddeus proudly claims equality with the Count, through his noble Polish ancestry, which he celebrates in the song "When the Fair Land of Poland." The Count yields and gives his daughter to Thaddeus. The Queen, transported with jealous rage, causes one of the Gipsies to fire at him as he is embracing Arline, but Devilshoof is at hand, and, seizing the weapon, averts the bullet from Thaddeus. It kills the Queen instead. At this opportune moment the curtain falls.

With all the change of surroundings and of incident, the few fundamental elements of the story of "The Bohemian Girl" are easily traced in Cervantes' tale.

In 1841, Balfe, who had already composed a number of operas for the London stage, undertook the duties of a manager, with the purpose of establishing English opera in the capital. For this he wrote and produced, with his wife in the leading rôle, the opera "Keolanthe," and had already made considerable progress on the music of "The Bohemian Girl." The operatic enterprise, however, came to an abrupt end within a few weeks, and Balfe, seeing better prospects in Paris, betook himself thither, having deposited the manuscript of his unfinished opera with a London music publisher. promises of Paris were realized, and Balfe had the honor of being called upon by the mighty Scribe to furnish the music to a French opera, "Le Puits d'Amour:" For this he appears to have used several of the pieces originally incorporated into "The Bohemian Girl." At all events, when he returned to London, in 1843, he recurred to this work, and revised it thoroughly, adding several new numbers to take the place of those used for the French opera. Bunn, after one of his periodical bankruptcies, had returned again to Her Majesty's Theatre, Drury Lane, as its manager. He wanted an English opera, and found what he wanted in "The Bohemian Girl," for which he himself had written the book a few years before. The production took place on November 27, 1843, under the musical direction of Julius Benedict. Its success was immediate, though, as we have intimated, the newspaper critics did not hesitate to point out its defects upon both the musical and dramatic sides.

The fame of "The Bohemian Girl" soon spread to other countries. The first city to hear it outside of London was New York, in 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seguin had been singing in this city for a number of years, beginning their long and honorable participation in the early operatic history of the United States. They returned from a visit to England in the autumn of 1844 with a score of Balfe's new work, and brought it out at the Park Theatre—then the principal playhouse of the metropolis—on November 25. The performance, which was under the musical direction of Mr. Chubb, was given with the following cast:

No explanation is given in the contemporary records of the division of the part of Arline between two singers. The production was "the operatic success of the period," according to Mr. Richard Grant White, quite eclipsing the Italian opera that was in progress at Palmo's Theatre in Chambers Street. The whole town fell to singing, whistling and grinding on the barrel-organ the principal airs from it. It soon reached Germany, and performances of it were given in Hamburg, under the title of "La Gitana," and in other cities. In 1850 it was produced in Vienna as "Die Zigeunerin," by a M. Pokorny, at a new theatre, the Wieden. The next year Balfe himself was invited thither to conduct a performance of his opera, which took place with much enthusiasm; Staudigl, the famous basso, being in the cast. In 1858, an Italian version of the work, under the title of "La Zingara," was brought out at Drury Lane, in London, with Piccolomini in the cast as Arline, and Alboni as the Gipsy Queen. According to Henry F. Chorley, it "was received with a triumph which had never been exceeded even in the days of the Catalani;" with "applause from the many loud enough to rend the heavens." For the spoken dialogue recitative was substituted in the Italian version, as was the case in the French, eleven years later. This was given at the Théâtre Lyrique in Paris, with the title of "La Bohémienne," on December 30, 1869, under the direction of Pasdeloup. The translation was by the inevitable Marquis de Saint-Georges, who recast and extended the opera to five acts, while Balfe wrote several additional numbers for The cast included MM. Montjauze, Lutz and Becquié, and Mlles. Wertheimber, and Brunet Lafleur. Here, too, the opera made a great popular success. Balfe, who was in Paris to superintend the production, was a hero of the hour; he received the cross of the Legion of Honor from Napoleon III., and was made Commander of the Order of Carlos III. by the Regent of Spain. RICHARD ALDRICH.

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ACT I.

Scene I.

The château and grounds of COUNT ARNHEIM, on the Danube, near Presburg. On one side, the principal entrance to the castle; opposite is a statue of the Emperor, above which a party is employed raising the Austrian flag.

[On the rising of the curtain, the Retain ers of Count Arnheim are discovered preparing for the chase.

CHORUS

Up with the banner, and down with the slave

Who shall dare to dispute the right, Wherever its folds in their glory wave, Of the Austrian Eagle's flight;

Its pinion flies
Free in the skies.
As that of the airy king,
Thro' danger fleets
As heart that beats
Beneath his pluméd wing.

[After they have fixed the flag they all come forward.

Now the foeman lies low, and the battle-field's won,

We may honor in peace what in war we have done.

The stirring chase, the festive board,

The varied charms which each afford,

Shall day and night beguile;
And care shall be drowned in that
glass

Which nothing on earth can surpass

But a lovely woman's smile.

Then up with the banner, &c.

[At the end of the Chorus, Count Arn-Heim and Florestein enter from château (s.e.l.), followed by various neighboring Nobles, Pages, Huntsmen, &c., and his child, Arline, attended by Buda, &c.

SOLO.

COUNT.

A soldier's life
Has seen of strife
In all its forms so much,
That no gentler theme
The world will deem
A soldier's heart can touch.

CHORUS.

HUNTERS.

Away to the hill and glen, Where the hunter's belted men With bugles shake the air.

CHORUS.

RETAINERS.

Hail to the lord of our soil! Hail! hail!

[The Count, after bowing to his friends, sees Arline and takes her in his arms.

Cou.—Ah! who can tell, save he who feels

The care a parent's love reveals,

How dear, fond thing, thou

To this lone, widow'd heart!

CHO.—Away to the hill and glen, &c.

[During this, a Retainer brings down (R.) a rifle to Florestein, who puts it away from him. Count Arnheim exit into château. Nobles and Hunters ascend rocks and exeunt. Arline petitions Buda to let her accompany them, and goes off by a footpath, at side of rocks, with her and Florestein.

[Enter Thaddeus, breathless and exhausted, in a state of great alarm.

Tha.—A guard of Austrian soldiers are on my track, and I can no longer elude their vigilance. An exile from my wretched country, now a prey to the inveterate invader, my only hope is in some friendly shelter. (Sees the statue of the Emperor.) Ah! that tells me I am here on the very threshold of our enemies!

RECITATIVE.

THADDEUS.

Without friends, and without a home, my country, too! yes, I'm exiled from thee! What fate awaits me here, now? Pity, Heav'n! oh, calm my despair!

CAVATINA.

'Tis sad to leave our fatherland,
And friends we there loved well,
To wander on a stranger strand,
Where friends but seldom dwell.
Yet, hard as are such ills to bear,
And deeply though they smart,
Their pangs are light to those who are
The orphans of the heart!

Oh, if there were one gentle eye
To weep when I might grieve,
One bosom to receive the sigh
Which sorrow oft will heave;
One heart the ways of life to cheer,
Though rugged they might be,
No language can express how dear
That heart would be to me!

[At the end of song, a troop of Gipsies, headed by Devilshoof, their leader, suddenly appear (R.), and are about to seize and rob Thaddeus; but presuming by his dress that he is a soldier, they stop and examine him.

CHORUS.

In the Gipsy's life you read
The life that all would like to lead.
Sometimes under roof and sometimes
thrown

Where the wild wolf makes his lair; For he who's no home to call his own Will find a home somewhere.

'Tis the maxim bold of man,
What's another's prize to claim;
Then to keep all he can:
We Gipsies do the same!
Thus a habit once, 'tis custom grown,
Every man will take care,
If he has no home to call his own,

Tha —The sight of these wanderers has inspired me with a project. (To Dev.) Your manner and habit please me. I should like to join your band. I am young, strong, and have, I hope, plenty of courage.

To find a home somewhere.

DEV.—Who are you?

THA.—One without money, without home, and without hope.

DEV.—You're just the fellow for us, then!

GIP. (who is on the lookout on rock, R.).
—Soldiers are coming this way.

Тна.—'Tis I they are in search of.

DEV.—Indeed! then they'll be cunning if they find you.

[In a moment they strip the soldier's dress off Thaddeus, and as they are futting on a Gipsy's frock, &c., over him, a roll of parchment, with scal attached, falls at the feet of Devilshoof, who scizes it.

DEV. - What's this?

Tha.—My commission! It is the only thing I possess on earth, and I will never part with it.

[Snatches it, conceals it in his bosom, and has just time to mix himself with the Gipsies, when a body of the Emperor's soldiers enter in pursuit.

Off. (scrutinizing Gipsies).—Have you seen anyone pass this way—any stranger?

Dev —No one—stay—yes; a young Polish soldier ran by just now, and passed up those rocks.

Off.—That's he—thanks, friend!—Forward! [Exeunt soldiers up rocks.

DUET AND CHORUS.

Dev.—Comrade, your hand,
We understand
Each other in a breath.

[Shaking his hand.

This grasp secures
Its owner yours,
In life, and until death.

Tha.—The scenes and days to me,
Which seemed so blest to be,
No time can e'er restore.

Сно.—In the Gipsy's life you read, &c.

THA.—My wants are few—

DEV.—Want we ne'er knew,
But what we could supply.

THA.—Then, what is worse, I have no purse!

DEV.—We nothing have to buy.

THA.—My heart 'twill wring—

DEV.—That is a thing
In which we never deal.

THA.—But all I need—

Dev.—'Twere best indeed
To borrow, beg, or steal.

Сно —In the Gipsy's life you read, &c.

DEV.—Then rest you here while we explore
What luck there is in store.

THA.—The scenes and days to me,
Which seemed so blest to
be,
No time can e'er restore.

Сно —In the Gipsy's life you read, &c.

[All exeunt R.—Loud shouts and alarms are heard, which become more and more distinct, when a body of Huntsmen are seen to cross the tree over the rocks, &c., and exeunt by the path where Arline, &c., went off. Alarms continue, when Florestein rushes in, apparently frightened to death.

SONG.

FLo.—Is no succor near at hand?
For my intellect so reels,
I am doubtful if I stand
On my head or on my heels.
No gentleman, it's very clear,
Such a shock should ever
know,

And when once I become a peer, They shall not treat me so!

Then let every vassal arm,
For my thanks he well
deserves,

Who from this state of alarm Will protect my shattered nerves!

To think that one unused to fear Such a fright should ever know!

And when once I become a peer, They shall not treat me so!

[At end of song, Thaddeus and Peasantry rush in, evincing the greatest alarm and terror.

THA.—What means this alarm?

PEA.—The Count's child and her attendant have been attacked by an infuriated animal, and are probably killed ere this!

Тна.—What do I hear?

[He perceives the rifle that Florestein has left on the stage, utters an exclamation, seizes it, runs up the rocks, aims, fires, and instantly rushes off. The discharge of the rifle, and the alarm of the Peasantry, bring Count Arnheim and his party to the spot. Devilshoof enters at one side at the same time, watching.

Cou.—Whence proceed these sounds of fear, and where is my darling child?

[All maintain a painful silence, when Thaddeus is seen rushing in, conveying Arline, who is wounded in the arm, and seems faint.

Bud. (falling at the Count's feet).—We were pursued by the wild deer they were chasing, and but for the bravery of this young man (pointing to Tha.) the life of your child would have been sacrificed.

Cou. (clasping his child in his arms).—Praised be Providence! her life is saved, for she is all that renders mine happy. (Looking at her arm, then addressing Buda.) Let her wound have every attention, though it presents no sign of danger.

[BUDA goes into the castle with Arline, and Count Arnheim advances to Thaddeus.

Stranger, accept the hand of one who, however different from you in station, can never sufficiently thank you for the services you have rendered him.

DEV. (aside).—First to serve, and then be thanked by the persecutor of his country. The fellow's mad!

Cov.—I trust you will remain, and join the festivities we are about to indulge in; and 'twill gratify me to hear how I can be useful to you.

THA.—I thank your lordship; but—

Cou. (to the Nobles). — Pray, my friends, join your entreaties to mine.

[Here the Nobles all surround the COUNT and Thaddeus, and Florestein, coming up to him, says—

FLO.—I'm extremely obliged to you for not shooting me as well as my little cousin—and I beg you'll—aw—stay—(aside)—A very common sort of personage, apparently.

THA. (to the COUNT).—Be it as your lordship wishes.

Cou.—Then be seated, friends, and let the fête begin.

[They all seat themselves at the tables, which have previously been laid on the O.P. opposite the castle. Thaddeus takes his seat at the farther end, Florestein occupying a prominent position. When they are seated, a variety of dances are introduced, during which Buda is seen at one of the windows, holding on her knee the child, whose arm is bound up. At the termination of the dancing the Count rises.

Cou.—I ask you to pledge but once, and that is to the health and long life of your Emperor.

[Here the Guests fill their glasses, rise, and turning towards the statue of the Emperor, drink, while the Peasantry surround it respectfully. Thaddeus alone keeps his seat, on perceiving which, Florestein goes up to the Count, and points it out to him.

FLO.—Your new acquaintance, my dear uncle, is not overburdened with politeness or loyalty, for he neither fills his glass nor fulfils your wishes.

Cou. (filling a glass, and going up to Thaddeus).—I challenge you to empty this to the health of our Emperor.

THA. (taking the glass).—I accept the challenge, and thus I empty the goblet.

[Goes up to the statue and throws down the glass with the utmost contempt. A general burst of indignation follows.

CHORUS OF GUESTS.

Who rise, draw their swords, and rush towards Thaddeus.

Down with the daring slave
Who disputes the right
Of a people's delight,
And would their anger brave!

Cou. (To the Nobles and Guests, interposing between them and Thadbeus).—

Although 'tis vain to mask
The rage such act demands,
Forgive me if I ask

His pardon at your hands;
If from your wrath I venture to have craved

The life of one, my more than life who saved.

(To Tha.)—Stranger, I answer not One moment for your life;

Quit, while you may, a spot

Where you have raised a strife.

Your longer presence will more excite, And this will the service you did me requite!

- [Throws Thaddeus a purse of gold. Devilshoof rushes in.
- DEv.—Where's the hand will dare to touch

One hair of him I prize so much! [Taking the hand of THADDEUS.

(To Cov.)—That pulse of pride you boast

Within me beats as high; You and your titled host, Proud lord, I do defy!

- FLO. (Aside, with a glass in one hand and a leg of a bird in the other).—
 Upon my life, 'tis most unpleasant,
 Just as one had attack'd a pheasant.
- [Thaddeus, who had taken up the purse, and seeing himself and Devilshoof surrounded by the Nobles and Guests, throws the purse at the Count's feet.
- Tha.—Take back your gold, and learn to know
 One above aught you can bestow.

CHORUS OF NOBLES, &c.

Down with the daring slave Who would our fury brave!

- Dev.—Stand back, ye craven things!

 He who obstructs our path,
 Upon his rashness brings
 The vengeance of my wrath!
- [Devilshoof, defending Thaddeus, retreats, pressed upon by the Nobles, Guests, &c., when the Count orders a party of his Retainers to divide them; they seize Devilshoof and take him into the castle.
- Cou.—Seize him and bind him, and there let him find

 Escape from those walls better men have confined.
- [Here a party of Huntsmen and Retainers separate Thaddeus and Devils-Hoof; they march Thaddeus off, and exeunt among the rocks, while Devils-Hoof is dragged into the castle.
- Dev. (as they are dragging him off).—
 Tho' meshed by numbers in the yoke
 Of one by all abhorr'd,
 Yet tremble, worthless lord,
 At the vengeance you thus provoke.

- Cно.—Down with the slave Who would our fury brave!
- [Devilshoof is dragged off into the castle; the Count, Nobles, &c., reseat themselves, when other dances are introduced and the festival continues. BUDA is seen to leave the window at which she has been seated with Arline, and she enters and converses with the COUNT. In the midst of the most joyous movements of the dance, DEVILS-HOOF is seen descending from the roof of the castle, until he reaches the window of Arline's chamber, into which he is seen to enter and to shut it immediately. BUDA then enters the castle, and in a minute afterwards the festivities are interrupted by a violent shrieking, the window is thrown open, and Buda, pale, and with dishevelled hair, signifies by her gestures that ARLINE has disappeared.
- Cно.—What sounds break on the air? What looks of wild despair A grief as wild impart?
- Cou.—My child! that word alone,
 With agonizing tone,
 Bursts in upon my heart!
- [Count and Nobles dash into the castle. A general movement of all—some are seen at the window of Arline's chamber signifying that she is gone.
- Сно.—Be every hand prepared
 Their liege lord's halls to guard,
 And with devotion's bond,
 All ties beyond.
- FLO. (kneeling, and appearing greatly alarmed).—

Ah! what with dancing, screaming, fighting,

One really is a shocking plight in; It puzzles quite one's wit To find a place to pick a bit.

[The Count rushes from the castle, dragging Buda, and followed by Nobles. Buda, trembling, falls on her knees.

Cou.—Wretch! monster! give me back
The treasure of my soul;
Go — all — the spoiler's footsteps track

That treasured prize who stole.

But no, vain hope! unless we pray to Him

Who healeth all sorrow, with suppliant limb.

PRAYER.

Thou who in might supreme
O'er the fate of all reignest,
Thou who hope's palest beam
In the mourner sustainest,
Vouchsafe to lend an ear
To the grief of the wailer,
Cut short the dark career
Of the ruthless assailer.

[During the prayer, Devilshoof is seen climbing up the rocks with Arline in his arms.

CHORUS.

Follow, follow, with heart and with arm.

Follow, follow, and shelter from harm The pride of Arnheim's line, Where all its hopes entwine.

[At the most animated part of the Chorus, bodies of Gentry, Retainers, Servants, &c., are seen rushing towards the rocks, and over every part, in pursuit of Devilshoof, who, perceiving his situation, knocks away, the moment he has crossed it, the trunk of the tree which serves as a bridge between the two rocks, and thus bars their passage. Count Arnheim, in his distraction, is about to throw himself into the gulf—he is held back by attendants, into whose arms he falls senseless. Some are in the attitude of prayer—others menace Devilshoof, who, folding Arline in his large cloak, disappears in the depths of the forest.

ACT II.

NOTE.—Twelve years are supposed to elapse between the First and Second Acts.

Scene I.

Street in Presburg, by moonlight. Tent of the Queen of the Gipsies, lange curtains at the back—it is lighted by a lamp. On the opposite side of the stage are houses, one of which, a hotel, is lighted up.

[Arline is discovered asleep on a tigerskin—Thaddeus is watching over her. As the curtain rises, a Patrol of the City Guard marches by, and as soon as they are gone off Devilshoof and a party of Gipsies, wrapped in cloaks, suddenly appear.

CHORUS.

Silence, silence!—the lady moon
Is the only witness now awake,
And weary of watching, 'chance she
soon

To sleep will herself betake.

Silence, silence!—from her throne in air,

She may look on, for aught we care; But if she attend unto our behest, She will quietly go to her rest.

SOLO.

DEVILSHOOF.

There's a deed to do whose gains Will reward the risk and the pains—

[The Gipsies all draw their daggers and appear delighted.

Fie, fie! to a gentleman when you appeal,

You may draw his purse without drawing your steel;

With bows, and politeness, and with great respect,

You may take more than he can at first suspect.

[Pointing to the lighted windows of the hotel.

See, where in goblets deep
What sense they have they steep.
Watch here! till each to his home
Shall reel on his doubtful way.
Watch here! and the goblet's foam
Will make each an easy prey.
Silence, silence! this way, this way!

(CHORUS—REPEAT.)

[As the Gipsies retire up the stage, FLORESTEIN staggers out of the hotel—he is elegantly dressed, with chain, rings, &c., and a rich medallion round his neck.

FLO.—Wine, wine! If I am heir

To the Count—my uncle's—
line— [Hiccup.
Where's the fellow—will dare
To refuse his nephew—wine?
[Hiccup.
That moon there, staring me
on my way,
Can't be as modest as people

Can't be as modest as people say,

For meet whom she will, and in whatever spot,

She often looks on at what she

She often looks on at what she ought not.

[The Gibsies have by this time advanced, and Devilshoof goes politely up to Florestein.

DEV.—My ear caught not the clock's last chime,
And might I beg to ask the time?

[Florestein reels, recovers a little, and after eyeing Devilshoof—

FLO. (aside).—If the bottle has prevailed,
Yet whenever I'm assailed,
Though there may be nothing in it,
I am sobered in a minute—

(to Dev.) You are really so polite,
That (pulling out his
watch) 'tis late into
the night.

[Dev. takes the watch and puts it into his fob.

(assuming courage)—May I beg to ask——?

DEV.—I am grieved to see
Anyone in such a state,
And gladly will take the
greatest care
Of the rings and chains you
chance to wear.

[Taking from Florestein his rings, chain, and the rich medallion. Florestein draws his sword.

FLO.—What I thought was politeness, is downright theft,
And at this rate I soon shall have nothing left.

[At a sign from Devilshoof the Gipsies instantly surround Florestein, and take every valuable from him.

CHO.—Advance with caution, let every man
Seize on, and keep, whatever he can!

[During the Chorus, Devilshoof makes off with the medallion, and the others are dividing the rest of the spoil, when a female appears in the midst of them, drops her cloak, and discovers their Queen. The Gipsies appear stupefied.

Queen—To him from whom you stole, Surrender back the whole.

[The Gipsies return the different things to Florestein.

FLO. (trembling and looking over the things).—
Thanks, Madam,—Lady—but might I request
A medallion in diamonds—worth all the rest?

[At a sign from the Queen, who seems to command its restitution.

CHORUS OF GIPSIES.

On our chieftain's share we ne'er encroach,

And he fled with that prize at your approach.

Que.(to Florestein).—Be your safety my care—

FLO. (trembling).—I'm in precious hands.

Que. (to Gipsies).—Follow, and list to your Queen's commands.

CHO.—We follow, yes, and list unto our Queen's commands.

[Exit Queen, holding Florestein, all of a tremble, with one hand, and beckoning the Gipsies to follow, with the other. As soon as they have gone off, Arline, who has been awakened by the noise, comes from the tent, followed by Thaddeus.

ARL.—Where have I been wandering in my sleep? and what curious noise awoke me from its pleasant dream? Ah, Thaddeus, would you not like to know my dream? Well, I will tell it you.

THE GIPSY-GIRL'S DREAM.

I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls, With vassals and serfs at my side, And of all who assembled within those walls,

That I was the hope and pride.

I had riches too great to count—
could boast

Of a high ancestral name;

And I also dreamt, which pleased me most,

[Taking both his hands in hers. That you loved me still the same.

I dreamt that suitors sought my hand,
That knights upon bended knee,
And with vows no maiden heart could
withstand,

They pledged their faith to me.
And I dreamt that one of that noble host

Came forth my hand to claim;
But I also dreamt, which charmed me
most.

That you loved me still the same.

[At the end of the ballad, Thaddeus presses Arline to his heart.

ARL.—And do you love me still?

THA.—More than life itself.

ARL.—Yet is there a mystery between our affections and their happiness that I would fain unravel (pointing to her arm). The mark on this arm, which I have seen you so often contemplate, is the key to that mystery. By the love you say you bear me, solve it.

DUET.

THA. (taking her hand and pointing to the mark). —

That wound upon thine arm,

Whose mark through life 'twill be,

In saving thee from greater harm,

Was there transfixed by me.

ARL.—By thee?

THA.—Ere on thy gentle head
Thy sixth sun had its radiance shed,
A wild deer, who had lain at bay,
Pursued by hunters cross'd thy way;

ARL.—Well?

THA.—By slaying him I rescued thee,

ARL.—Yes!

Tha.—And in his death-throe's agony
Thy tender form, by his antler
gored,
This humble arm to thy home
restor'd.

Arl.—Strange feelings move this breast
It never knew before,
And bid me here implore
That you reveal the rest.

Tha.—The secret of her birth

To me is only known,

The secret of a life whose

worth

I prize beyond my own.

Arl.—The secret of my birth
To him is only known,
The secret of a life whose
worth
Perchance he will disown.

Arl.—Speak, tell me, ease my tortured heart,
And that secret, evil or good, impart.

THA.—I will tell thee all, tho' I lose thee for ever.

XVIII

Arr.—What is the spell hath yet effaced

The first fond lines that love hath traced,

And after-years have but imprest

More deep in love's confiding breast?

THA.—And yet few spells have e'er effaced

The first fond lines that love hath traced,

And after-years have but imprest

More deep in love's confiding breast.

[At the end of the duet, Thaddeus throws himself, in an ecstasy, at the feet of Arline, and is bathing her hand with kisses, when the back curtains of the tent are withdrawn, and the Queen appears pale and trembling with passion. She advances towards Arline, and pointing to Thaddeus—

Que.—And dare you aspire to the love of him who possesses the heart of your Queen?

ARL.—I possess *his* heart, and will yield the possession to no one. He is the savior of my life, and the only friend that I have in all the tribe: he has sworn how much he loves me.

Que.—Loves you!

Arl.—Yes; let him speak for himself, and choose between us.

Que.—Be it so.

[Thaddeus, who has been anxiously watching the two, here runs and embraces Arline. She surveys the Queen with an air of triumph.

ARL. (to the QUEEN).—I made no idle boast. (Then to THADDEUS.) Summon our comrades hither.

[The QUEEN is standing in the centre, while Thaddeus calls the Gipsies together, who enter on all sides and surround the QUEEN, and appear to ask what is going on.

CONCERTED PIECE.

Arl.—Listen, while I relate

The hopes of the Gipsy's fate.

I am loved by one, by one I love

All other hearts above,
And the sole delight to me
[Taking the hand of THADDEUS.
Is with him united to be.

Сно.—Happy and light of heart are those

Who in each bosom one faith repose!

Dev. (Aside—maliciously pointing at the Queen).—

A rival's hate you may better tell

By her rage than by her tears,

And it, perchance, may be as well

To set them both by the ears.

(To Que.)—As Queen of our tribe, 'tis yours by right,
The hands of those you rule to unite.

CHO. (to the QUEEN, who draws back and hesitates).

In love and truth, by thee Their hands united be.

Que. (haughtily advancing and taking the hands of Arline and Thaddeus).—

Hand to hand, and heart to heart,

Who shall those I have mated part?

By the spell of my sway, Part them who may.

[Joining their hands.

Сно.—Happy and light of heart are those

Who in each bosom one faith repose.

[CHORUS lie àown, assuming picturesque attitudes. Queen comes forward; segue ballad.

Oue.—Oh, would that I had died ere now,

BALLAD.

For then I had not felt The bitter pang, the crushing

blow,

Thy cruel words have dealt! I've but one solace—Heaven grant

It cheer me to the last!
'Tis sad, fond mem'ry, faithful

still

To bliss for ever past.

But no! but no! not one poor ray

Of comfort will be mine,

No gleam of hope, however faint,

Will thro' my sorrow shine! That sorrow is so sharp, so great,

Its pow'r so deep, so vast, That e'en the mem'ry will it crush

Of bliss for ever past.

[During this scene the stage has been growing somewhat lighter.

A Gipsy enters.

GIP.—Morning is beginning to dawn, and crowds of people are already flocking towards the fair; the sports begin with daylight.

QUE.—Summon the rest of the tribe, and meet me forthwith in the public square. (To Devilshoof.) Do you remain to bear my further orders.

[Exeunt Thaddeus and Arline hand in hand, followed by the other Gipsies repeating Chorus.

Сно.—In the Gipsy's life you read, &c.

DUET.

Que.—This is thy deed!—seek not t'assuage
My jealous fears, a rival's rage.

DEV.—I neither fear, nor seek to calm.

Que. (aside to Devilshoof).—
Revenge is the wounded bosom's balm.

That jewel with which thou hast dared to deck
Thy foredoomed neck,
Answer me—where did'st thou get it—where?

DEV.—'Twas entrusted to my care.

Que.—This very night, on this very spot,

Thy soul for once its fears forgot,

And a drunken galliard, who cross'd thy way,

Became thy prey—

DEV. (aside).—Fiend-born! 'twere vain to fly
The glance of her searching eye.

Que.—Down on thy knees, the gem restore,
E'en in thy shame amazed,
Or long years of sin shall deplore
The storm which thou has raised.

Dev.(aside).—It best might be the prize to restore,

Much as I seem amazed;

Or hereafter I may deplore

The storm which I have

[Kneeling and presenting the medallion to to the Queen.
Queen, I obey.

Que.— 'Tis the wisest thing Thy miscreant heart could do. [Takes medallion.

Dev. (aside)—Who from my grasp such prize could wring, The doing it may rue.

Que.—Depart, and join the rest.

Dev.—I do thy high behest.
(aside). The wrongs we forgive
not and cannot forget,
Will our vengeance more
sharply whet.

Que.—The wrongs we forgive not and cannot forget, Will our vengeance more sharply whet.

[Exeunt the Queen and Devilshoof at opposite sides.

Ensemble

SCENE II.

Another Street in Presburg. Daylight.

[Enter Arline, in a fanciful dress, followed by a troup of Gipsies. She has a tambourine in her hand.

CHORUS.

In the Gipsy's life you read The life that all would like to lead

SONG.

ARLINE.

Come with the Gipsy bride!
And repair to the fair,
Where the mazy dance
Will the hours entrance,
Where souls as light preside!

Life can give nothing beyond One heart you know to be fond, Wealth, with its hoards, cannot buy The peace content can supply, And rank in its halls cannot find The calm of a happy mind.

Love is the first thing to clasp,
But if he escape your grasp,
Friendship will then be at hand,
In the young rogue's place to stand;
Hope will then be nothing loth
To point out the way to both.

CHORUS.

In the Gipsy's life you read The life that all would like to lead.

[Exit Arline, followed by the tribe of Gipsies.

Scene III.

A Grand Fair in the Public Platz of Presburg. On one side a large hotel, over which is inscribed "The Hall of Justice." Various groups of Gentry, Soldiers, Citizens, and Peasantry cover the stage. Foreign shops are seen in various parts, curious Rope Dancers, Showmen, Waxwork, a Quack Doctor, Exhibitions, &c., &c., are dispersed here and there. Flags hung out at the windows and ringing of bells enliven the scene.

CHORUS.

Life itself is at the best
One scene in mask of folly drest,
And there is no part of its wild career,
But you will meet with here!
To these symbols of life your voices
swell,
Vive la masque, et vive la bagatelle!

[At the end of the Chorus and during the Symphony, a movement is perceived at the further end of the place, which is followed by the entrance of a double party of men Gipsies headed by Devilshoof and Thaddeus, who force a passage down the centre of the stage, which they occupy; they then open their ranks, when another file of female Gipsies, headed by their Queen and Arline, passes down them; Florestein and a party are seen watching them with great curiosity.

QUARTET.

Arline, Queen, Thaddeus, and Devilshoof.

From the valleys and hills
Where the sweetest buds grow,
And are watered by rills
Which are purest that flow—
Come we! come we!

CHORUS.

Light of heart, fleet of foot, reckless of slight or gibe,
Who can compare with the free, happy

Gipsy tribe!

[During this, some of the Gipsies have been enacting characteristic dances, when Arline, carrying a flower basket in her hand, glides round to the assembled company and sits down.

SOLO.

ARLINE.

Sir Knight and lady, listen!

(To a lady.)—
That bright eye seems to glisten
As if his trusted tale
Did o'er thy sense prevail!

(To another—pointing to her heart).—
Pretty maiden, pray take care,
Love is making havoc there!

(To a third—pointing to a ring on her finger).—

This token which from love you borrow,

The prelude is of many a sorrow: There are those have lived to know The Gipsy's words are true.

Cho. (as the dance of the Gipsies continues).—

Life itself is at the best One scene in mask of folly drest, And there is no part of its wild career, But you will meet with here! [At the end of the dance and Chorus, Count Arnheim and some Officers of State enter; his hair has become gray, his step is slow, and his appearance is that of sorrow. He is accosted by Florestein.

FLO.—My dear uncle, it delights me to see you amongst us, and here is a little Gipsy girl that would delight you still more (aside) if you had my blood in your veins; she's positively a charming creature.

Cou.—I have lost the taste of joy, and the sight of youth and beauty recalls to my memory that treasure of both, my loved and lost Arline.

[He gazes attentively at Arline, sighs heavily, then exit with his retinue into the Hall of Justice.

FLO. (to a party of his friends).—It's no use restraining me—I'm positively smitten. (Breaks from them and goes up to Arline.) Fair creature, your manner has enchanted me, and I would fain take a lesson from you.

ARL.—In politeness, sir? By all means. To begin, then, whenever you address a lady, take your hat off.

FLo.—Very smart (with a titter)—'pon my word—very smart. Your naïveté only increases the feeling of admiration and devotion which a too suspectible heart—

ARL. (bursting out laughing).— Ha! ha!

FLo.—Your indifference will drive me to despair.

Arl.—Will it really?

FLo.—Do not mock me, but pity my too susceptible nature, and let me print one kiss upon—

[Here Arline gives him a violent slap on the face; the Queen, who has gone up the stage with Thaddeus, now brings him on one side and points out the situation of Arline and Florestein; he is about to rush upon Florestein just as Arline has slapped the latter's face, who on turning round finds himself between the two, both laughing in his face.

QUE. (eyeing FLORESTEIN).—It is the very person from whom they stole the trinkets I made them give him back again.

[Taking the medallion from her bosom. This, too, is his, and now my project thrives.

[FLORESTEIN turns up the stage to join his party, and the QUEEN crosses to Arline.

You have acted well your part, and thus your Queen rewards you. (*Places the medallion round her neck.*) Forget not the hand that gave it.

ARL. (kneeling and kissing the QUEEN'S hand).—Let this bespeak my gratitude.

Que.—And now let our tribe depart.

[Chorus and dance repeated, and the Gipsies are all about to march off. Thaddeus and Arline bring up the rear of their body, and, as they are going off, Florestein, who, with his friends, has been watching their departure, perceives his medallion on the neck of Arline; he breaks through the crowd and stops her; she and Thaddeus come forward.

FLO.—Though you treated me so lightly some moments past, you will not do so now. That medalion is mine; my friends here recognize it.

ALL—We do! we do!

[Here Devilshoof is seen to steal off.

FLo.—And I accuse you of having stolen it.

ARL.—Stolen! It was this instant given me by our Queen, and she is here to verify my words.

[Arline runs about, looking everywhere for the Queen.

FLO.—That's an everyday sort of subterfuge. (*To the crowd*.) Worthy people and friends, that medallion on her neck belongs to me, and I accuse her or her accomplices of having robbed me.

CONCERTED PIECE.

Chorus of Populace surrounding Arline.

Shame! shame! let us know

the right,

And shame on the guilty one alight!

THA. (rushing before ARLINE to shield her).—

He who a hand on her would lay,

Through my heart must force his way!

Сно.—Tear them asunder, but still protect

Until they can prove what they suspect.

ARL —To all who their belief have lent, Heaven can attest, I'm innocent.

[FLORESTEIN, who has during this movement entered the Hall of Justice, is now seen returning, followed by a strong guard, who file off each side of the steps.

FLO. (to Captain of Guard, pointing to ARLINE).—
There stends the cultrit on

There stands the culprit, on you I call;

Conduct her away to the Hall!

Сно.—To the Hall!

[Arline looks at him with great contempt; the Gipsies, perceiving her danger, range themselves around her. Thaddens breaks from those who are holding him, and rushes up to her. Florestein has got behind the Captain of the Guard, who gives orders for his men to seize Arline, upon which the Gipsies draw their daggers. A conflict ensues, in which the Guard maintains possession of Arline. A body of the populace reseize Thaddeus, and the Gipsies are routed.

CAP. OF G.—They who would brave the law,
Against themselves but draw!

FLO., GUARDS. — To the Hall! away to the Hall!

THA.—Free me, or else the law Upon your heads you draw!

GIP.—Why should we fear the law, Or all the arms you draw?

ARL.—I'm innocent!

[Arline is conducted by a file of the Guard, led by the Captain, and preceded by Florestein and his party into the Hall of Justice; the people follow in a mass, while Thaddeus is detained by those who first seized him, and as Arline is going up the steps, the figure of the Queen is seen in an attitude of triumph over her rival's fall.

Scene IV.

Interior of COUNT ARNHEIM'S apartment in the Hall of Justice—a view of the last scene visible through one of the windows at the back. A full-length portrait of Arline, as she was in the first Act, hangs on the wall; state chairs, &c. An elevation or dais on the (O.P.) side.

[Count Arnheim enters, thoughtful and dejected; he contemplates Arline's portrait, and wipes a tear from his eye.

RECITATIVE.

Whate'er the scenes the present hour calls forth before the sight,

They lose their splendor when compared with scenes of past delight.

SONG.

The heart bow'd down by weight of woe

To weakest hope will cling,
To thought and impulse while they
flow,

That can no comfort bring.
With those exciting scenes will blend,
O'er pleasure's pathway thrown,

But mem'ry is the only friend That grief can call its own.

The mind will, in its worst despair Still ponder o'er the past,

On moments of delight that were Too beautiful to last.

To long-departed years extend Its visions with them flown;

For mem'ry is the only friend That grief can call its own.

[At the end of the song, a confused noise is heard outside, when the Captain of the Guard enters.

CAP.—A robbery has been committed, and the accused is now in the Hall awaiting the pleasure of your lordship, as chief magistrate of the city, for examination.

Cou.—Bring the parties before me.

[The CAPTAIN arranges the magisterial chair (O.P.), bows, and exit.

Anything to arouse me from these distracting thoughts, though the sole happiness I now enjoy is in the recollection of my long-lost child.

[Seats himself, when the doors are violently opened, and a mob of Citizens, Guards and Gentry enter. Florestein, who is in the midst of them, instantly rushes up to the Count.

FLo.—It is your lordship's nephew—I, who have been robbed!

Cou.—Some folly of yours is for ever compromising my name and that of your family.

FLO:—But I am in this instance the victim—I have been robbed, and there stands the culprit.

[Pointing to Arline standing in the centre, pale and with dishevelled hair, but still haughty in her demeanor.

Cou. (aside).—'Tis she I saw but now in the public square. That girl—so young, so beautiful—commit a robbery? Impossible!

FLO.—She stole this medallion belonging to me—we found it upon her.

Cou. (addressing Arline).—Can this be true?

ARL. (looking contemptuously at FLORE-STEIN, and turning with dignity to the COUNT).—Heaven knows I am innocent, and if your lordship knew my heart, you would not deem me guilty.

Cou. (aside).—Her words sink deep into my breast Childless myself, I fain would spare the child of another. (Tô FLORESTEIN).—What proofs have you of this?

FLO. (pointing to his friends).—My witnesses are here, who all can swear they saw it on her neck.

All.—We can.

Cou.—Still does my mind misgive me. (To Arline, in a kind tone.) My wish is to establish your innocence—explain this matter to me and without fear.

ARL.—That medallion was given to me by the Queen of the tribe to which I belong—how it came in her possession, I know not. But a light breaks in upon me—I see it all—I chanced to incur her displeasure, and to revenge herself upon me she has laid for me this shameful snare, into which I have innocently fallen, and of which I have become the victim.

[Hiding her face in her hands and weep-ing.

Cou. (with a struggle).—I believe your tale, and from my heart I pity the inexperience which has led to the ruin of one who seems above the grade of those she herds with; but in the fulfilment of duty I must compromise the feelings of nature, and I am forced to deliver you into the hands of justice.

ARL. (to the COUNT).—To you, my earthly, to Him, my heavenly, Judge I reassert my innocence. I may be accused, but will not be degraded, and from the infamy with which I am unjustly threatened, thus I free myself.

[She draws a dagger from beneath her scarf, and is about to stab herself, when Count Arrheim rushes forward, seizes her arm and wrests the dagger from her,

FINALE.

Cou.—Hold! hold!

We cannot give the life we take,

Nor re-unite the heart we break!

[Taking the hand of Arline, and suddenly seeing the wound on her arm.

What visions round me rise, And cloud with the mists of the past mine eyes? That mark! Those features! and thy youth!

[Dragging Arline forward, and in great agitation.

My very life hangs on thy truth—How came that mark?

ARL. (recollecting THADDEUS'S words).— Ere on my head
My sixth sun had its radiance shed,
A wild deer, who had lain at bay,
Pursued by hunters, cross'd my way;
My tender form, by his antler gor'd,
An humble youth to my home restor'd.
The tale he but this day confess'd,
And is near at hand to relate the rest.

[Here a tumult is heard, and Thaddeus, having escaped from those who confined him, breaks into the room, and rushes into the arms of Arline. The Count, on seeing him, reels back. A general excitement prevails.

Cov.—With the force of fear and hope My feelings have to cope.

ARL. (Approaching the Count, and pointing to Thaddeus, who starts on beholding him).—
'Tis he the danger braved—
'Tis he my life who saved!

SOLO.

Cou. (Seizing Arline in his arms in a transport of joy).—

Mine own, my long-lost child!

Oh, seek not to control

This frantic joy, this wild

Delirium of my soul!

Bound in a father's arms,

And pillowed on his breast,

Bid all those wild alarms

That assail'd thy feelings, rest.

[Count clasps Arline to his heart; kisses her head, hands, and hair, shedding tears of joy.

ARL. (Bewildered, starts from the COUNT, and runs to THADDEUS).—

Speak—speak! this shaken frame,
This doubt, this torture, see!
My hopes—my very life—my fame
Depend on thee!

Tha. (Pointing to Count Arnheim, with deep emotion, aside).—
Dear as thou long hast been,
Dear as thou long wilt be,
Mourned as this passing scene
Will be through life by me,
Though this heart, and none other
like mine can adore thee,
Yet (aloud) thou art not deceived—
'Tis thy father before thee!

[Arline staggers, and then rushes into the Count's arms.

CHO.—Praised be the will of Heav'n,
Whose pure light upon them smiled,
And whose bounty thus hath given
The father fond his child!

Cov.—Prais'd be the will of Heav'n,
Whose pure light upon me smiled,
And whose bounty thus hath given
To a father fond his child!

ARL., Flo.—Prais'd be the will of Heav'n,
Whose light o'er (me them) smiled,
And whose bounty hath given
A father his child!

THA.—Though from this bosom riven,
That heart is beguil'd,
The bereavement hath
giv'n
The father his child!

[Thaddeus hides his face in his hands, much moved.

DEV. (Suddenly emerging from the crowd, and dragging THADDEUS away).—

Better to go now ere driven

Than for ever be revil'd, For Heav'n's bounty thus hath giv'n

To a father fond his child!

Cно.—Praised be the will of Heav'n,
Whose pure light upon them smiled,
And whose bounty thus hath giv'n
To a father fond his child!

ACT III.

Scene I.

A splendid saloon in the castle of COUNT ARNHEIM. On the ground floor a large window at the back opening on the Park. On the (O.P.) side the door of a small cabinet; doors at the back leading into spacious galleries.

Enter Arline, elegantly dressed for a ball.

ARL.—The past appears to me but a dream, from which I have at length awakened. Yet my heart recalls enough to convince me it was all reality. When I think of the wandering life I led, my memory will revert to him who in every trial preserved its honor, who twice restored me to a father's arms, and at length to a father's home.

COUNT ARNHEIM enters with Flore-STEIN—ARLINE runs into his arms.

Cou.—Every moment you leave me is a moment of unhappiness. I am jealous of whatever divides us, short as may be the interval. On a night of so much joy, when so many friends are to assemble and participate in your father's delight, let me intercede for one you have too much cause to be angry with.

ARL. (averting her head).—The very sight of him disturbs me. (To the COUNT.) The wishes of my dear father I would cheerfully comply with, but this repugnance I cannot overcome.

FLO. (falling on his knee).—Fair cousin, let me plead my own cause, and express the—aw—sorrow I really feel at having for an instant believed it possible—in fact, I never in reality—

Enter a SERVANT.

What the devil do you want at such a critical part of one's conversation?

[Servant crosses to the Count.

SER.—The castle is filling with guests who inquire for your lordship.

[Exit.

Cou. (to Arline).—Let us hasten to meet them, and afford me the joy of making you known to all.

ARL.—Allow me but time to fortify myself for a ceremony I am a stranger to, and I will follow you.

FLo.—That is but reasonable, uncle—I will live in hopes of my cousin's forgiveness, which can alone restore my—peace—of mind. [Aside.] I shall positively expire if I don't lead off the first quadrille with her.

[Exeunt Count and Florestein.

ARL.—I am once more left to my thoughts and all the deep regrets which accompany them; nothing can drive the recollection of Thaddeus from my mind, and the lonely life I led was to me far happier than the constrained one I now pass; and the graceful dress of the Gipsy-girl becomes me more than all this gaudy apparel of nobility. (Going round the room to see if any one is watching.) Now no eye beholds me, I may at least indulge in a remembrance of the past. (Goes to the cabinet (O.P.) and brings out her Gipsy dress.) The sight of this recalls the memory of happy days, and of him who made them happy.

[As she is contemplating the dress, the window at the back suddenly opens, and DEVILSHOOF springs into the apartment.

ARL. (screaming).—Ah! what seek you here with me?

DEV.—Hush! fear not; but be silent. I come to ask you to rejoin our tribe—we have never ceased to feel the loss of one liked more than all the rest.

ARL.—Impossible! Leave me, I pray, and let me forget we have ever been acquainted.

DEV.—I have brought with me one who has, undoubtedly, greater powers of persuasion than I can pretend to.

[Here Thaddeus appears at the window, enters the room, and Arline, unable to restrain her feelings, rushes into his arms.

THAL—In the midst of so much luxury, so much wealth and grandeur, I thought you had forgotten me.

ARL.—Forgotten you! Had I nothing else to remind me of you, this (pointing to the Gipsy dress) would always speak to me of you. Forgotten you!

Tha.—The scenes in which you now move may drive from your memory every trace of the past, and I only come to ask—to hope—that you will sometimes think upon me.

[Devilshoof goes up to the window, on the lookout.

AIR.

When other lips and other hearts
Their tales of love shall tell,
In language whose excess imparts
The power they feel so well:
There may, perhaps, in such a scene,
Some recollection be
Of days that have as happy been,
And you'll remember me!

When coldness or deceit shall slight
The beauty now they prize,
And deem it but a faded light
. Which beams within your eyes;
When hollow hearts shall wear a mask
'Twill break your own to see,
In such a moment I but ask
That you'll remember me!

[At the end of the song, Arline goes up to Thaddeus, and with great emphasis says—

ARL.—Whatever may be our future lot, nothing should persuade you that I can ever cease to think of—ever cease to love you.

THA. (overjoyed).—My heart is overpowered with happiness. Yet, alas! 'tis but of short duration, for I must leave you now for ever.

ARL.—Oh, no, no! say not so! I cannot live without you.

THA.—And will you then forsake your home, your kindred, all, and follow me?

TRIO.

THA. (to ARLINE).—
Through the world wilt thou fly, love,
From the world with me?
Wilt thou Fortune's frowns defy, love?
As I will for thee?

ARL. (to THADDEUS).—
Through the world I would fly, love,
From the world with thee,
Could I hush a father's sigh, love,
That would heave for me.

DEV. (coming down — to THADDEUS).—

All the world hither fly,
Come away with me!
Never let a lover's sigh
Ruin bring on thee!

Dev. (still looking out).—
A moment more, and your doom is cast!

ARL. (aside).—The hopes that were brightest, the dreams of the past, In the fullness of promise recede, And render the prospect dark indeed.

DEV.—Escape is hopeless.

ARL. (pointing to the cabinet).—Enter here,
Where detection we need not fear!

[Thaddeus has barely time to take refuge in the cabinet, and Devilshoof to escape by the window, when the great doors are thrown open, and a brilliant assemblage enters, led by Count Arnheim, Florestein, &c. Count takes Arline's hand and presents her to the company.

Cou. — Welcome, welcome all — share with me all the joy I feel, while I present my loved and long-lost daughter.

XXVII

FINALE.

Сно.—Welcome the present, oh, ponder not

On the days departed now, Let the cares that were theirs be forgot,

And 'ras'd from pleasure's brow;

Never mind Time, nor what he has done,

If he the present will smile upon.

FLO. (seeing the Gipsy dress on a chair and taking it up).—

This garment is not fit to grace,

At such a moment, such a place,

place,
And 'twere best to hide the prize

In this recess (pointing to cabinet) from his lordship's eyes.

ARL. (whose attention has been riveted on the cabinet, and seeing Flore-STEIN go near it).—

That room and its treasure belong to me,

And from all intrusion must sacred be.

CHO.—Welcome the present, oh, ponder not
On the days departed now.

[A confused murmur is heard at the back of the stage.

What sound breaks in upon the ear,
Checking young joy's career?

[A Female, closely veiled, enters the apartment, and goes up to Count Arnheim.

FEM.—Heed the warning voice!
Wail, and not rejoice!
The foe to thy rest
Is one thou lov'st best.

[She lets her veil fall, and discovers the Queen of the Gipsies.

Cou.—Who and what art thou? Let me know
Whom thou dost deem my foe?

Que.—Think not my warning wild,
'Tis thy refound child.
She loves a youth of the tribe
I sway,
And braves the world's reproof;
List to the words I say—

List to the words I say—
He is now conceal'd beneath
thy roof!

Cou.—Base wretch, thou liest!

Que.—Thy faith I begrudge— Open that door, and thyself be judge!

[Count rushes to the door of the cabinet; Arline in vain opposes.

Cou.—Stand not across my path!`
Brave not a father's wrath!

ARL.—Thrown thus across thy path,

Let me abide thy wrath!

[The Count pushes Arline aside, opens the door, and Thaddeus appears; the Count reels back, and every one seems panic-stricken.

QUINTET AND CHORUS.

Count, Florestein, Thaddeus, Arline, and Queen.

Cou. (to Arline.)—

To shame and feeling dead,

Now hopeless to deplore,

The thunder bursting o'er

my head,

Had not surprised me

more.

FLo.—And this is why she said,

I must not touch the

door;

It clearly would have been

It clearly would have been ill-bred,
For rivals are a bore!

Tha.—Though every hope be fled,
Which seemed so bright
before,
The vengeance I would

scorn to dread,
Which they on me can
pour!

XXVIII

ARL. (horror-stricken on seeing the QUEEN) —

To all but vengeance dead,
She stands mine eyes
before!

Its thunders waiting on my
head
In all her hate
She only lives to pour.

Que. (maliciously eyeing Arline).—
All other feelings dead,
Revenge can hope restore,
Its thunders on her daring
head
I only live to pour.

Cho.—Although to feeling dead,
This sorrow we deplore,
The thunder bursting o'er
our head,
Had not surprised us
more.

Cou. (advancing to THADDEUS).—

Leave the place thy polluting step hath cross'd!

Depart, or thou art lost!

THA. (casting a sorrowful look on AR-LINE as he is about to go).— To threats I should contemn, For thy dear sake I yield.

ARL. (summoning resolution).—
The bursting torrent I will stem,
And him I live for, shield.

[She takes Thaddeus by the hand, and goes to the Count, then turns to the company.

Break not the only tie
That bids my heart rejoice,
For whom contented I would die—
(With energy.) The husband of my
choice.

Cou. (rushing between them and drawing his sword. To Thaddeus).—

Depart, ere my thirsty weapon stains

These hells with the blood of thy

These halls with the blood of thy recreant veins!

(To Arline).—
False thing! beloved too long,
too well,
Brave not the madness thou canst

not quell!

Que. (seizing Thaddeus by the arm).—
List to the warning voice that calls thee!
Fly from the peril which enthralls

thee!

[Darting a furious look at Arline as she passes her.

Weep rivers—for ages pine! He shall never be thine!

[As the Queen is dragging Thaddeus towards the window, Arline stops him.

ARL. (to the assembly).—
Your pardon if I seek
With my father alone to speak.

[Exeunt omnes at the large doors (beside the windows), which close upon them; the QUEEN is seen to pass out of the window.

ARL. (falling at the COUNT's feet).—
See at your feet a suppliant—one
Whose place should be your heart;
Behold the only living thing
To which she had to cling;
Who saved her life, watched o'er
her years
With all the fondness faith endears,
And her affections won—
Rend not such ties apart!

Cou.—Child! Arline! wilt thou?
darest thou heap
A stain thine after-life will e'er
weep,
On these hairs, by thee and sorrow bleach'd—

On this heart, dishonor never reached?

ARL. (rising and seeking refuge in the arms of THADDEUS).—
Whatever the danger, the ruin, the strife—
It must fall; united we are for life.

Cou. (with rage).—

United! and wouldst thou link

my name

In a chain of such disgrace?

My rank, my very blood defame

With a blot no time can efface?

The child of my heart, of my house the pride,

An outcast Gipsy's bride!

XXIX

THA. (breaking from her, and going up with great dignity to COUNT ARNHEIM).—

Proud lord, although this head proscribed

Should fall by the weapons thy wealth hath bribed,

Although in revealing the name I bear,

The home I shall see no more— The land which to thee, in its deep despair,

The deadliest hatred bore—
I may fall, as have fallen the
bravest of foes,

'Twere better like them to die, And in honored earth to lie,

Than hear, unresented, reproaches like those.

[Count Arnheim and Arline betray symptoms of astonishment, yet great anxiety.

Start not, but listen!

When the fair land of Poland was ploughed by the hoof

Of the ruthless invader, when Might,

With steel to the bosom and flame to the roof,

Completed her triumph o'er Right, In that moment of danger, when Freedom invoked

All the fetterless sons of her pride, In a phalanx as dauntless as Freedom e'er yok'd,

I fought and I bled by her side. My birth is noble, unstained my crest As is thine own—let this attest!

[Takes his commission, seen in Act I, from his bosom, and gives it to the COUNT, who stands fixed and bewildered.

Pity for one in childhood torn
From kindred with whom she dwelt,
Ripened in after-years to love—
The fondest that heart hath felt—
Has made me, thus far, faith renew
With outlaws chance first link'd me to.
As a foe, on this head let your hatred
be pil'd,

But despise not one who hath so loved your child.

Cou. (greatly moved).—
The feuds of a nation's strife,
The party storms of life,
Should never their sorrows impart
To the calmer scenes of the heart.
By this hand let thine hold
Till the blood in its veins be cold!

[Thaddeus, moved to tears, is about to fall at the feet of the Count, who checks him.

Not at mine—be that homage paid at hers,
Who the firmest affection on thee confers.

TRIO.

COUNT, ARLINE, THADDEUS.

Let not the soul o'er sorrows grieve, With which the bosom hath ceased to heave;

Let us not think of the tempest past, If we reach the haven at last.

[During the trio, the wan figure of the Queen has been seen at the window in the back; and at the end of it, as Thaddeus is about to embrace Arline, the Queen, in a transport of rage, points him out to a Gipsy by her side, who is in the act of firing at him, when Devilshoof, who has tracked their steps, averts the Gipsy's aim, and by a rapid movement turns the musket towards the Queen—it goes off, and she falls.

Cou.—Guard every portal—summon each guest and friend—
And this festive scene suspend.

[The distant sound of joyous instruments heard in the saloons, which the intelligence of the catastrophe is supposed to have reached, ceases, and crowds of Nobles, Ladies, Guests, &c., pour in at each door. Arline rushes into the arms of Thaddeus, and then passes over to the Count.

ARLINE and CHORUS.

Oh! what full delight
Through my bosom thrills,
And a wilder glow
In my heart instils!

Bliss unfelt before,
Hope without alloy,
Speak, with raptured tone,
Of my heart the joy!

[As the curtain descends, there is heard, under the window at the back,

THE GIPSIES' CHORUS.

In the Gipsy's life you read

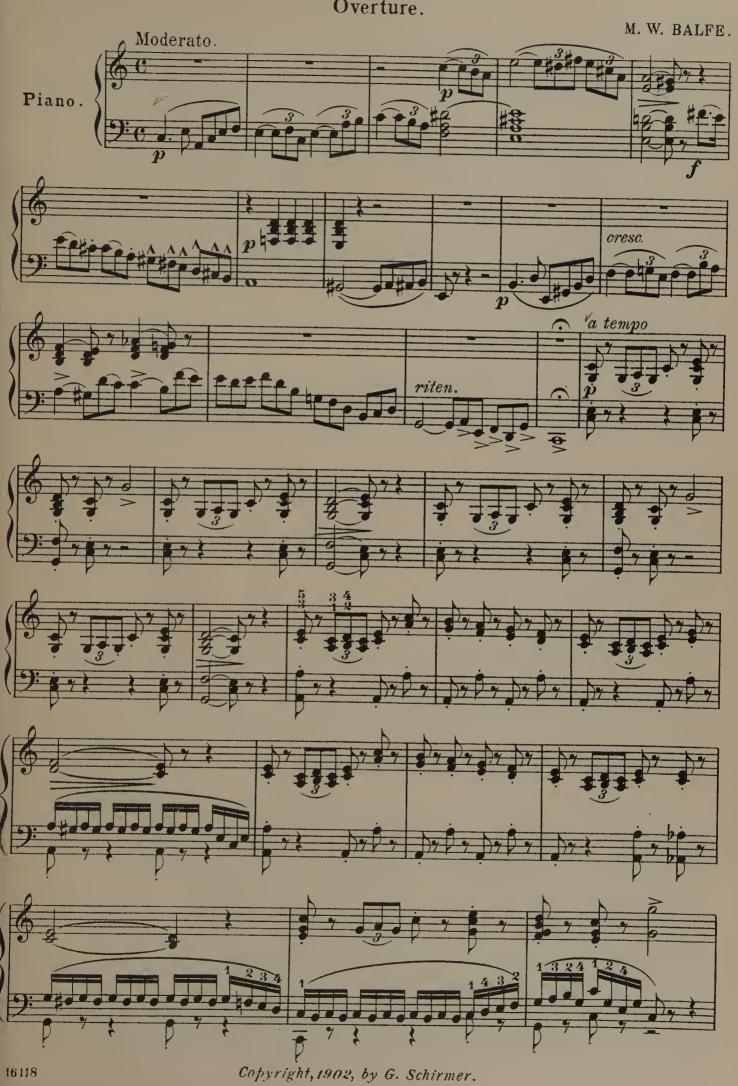
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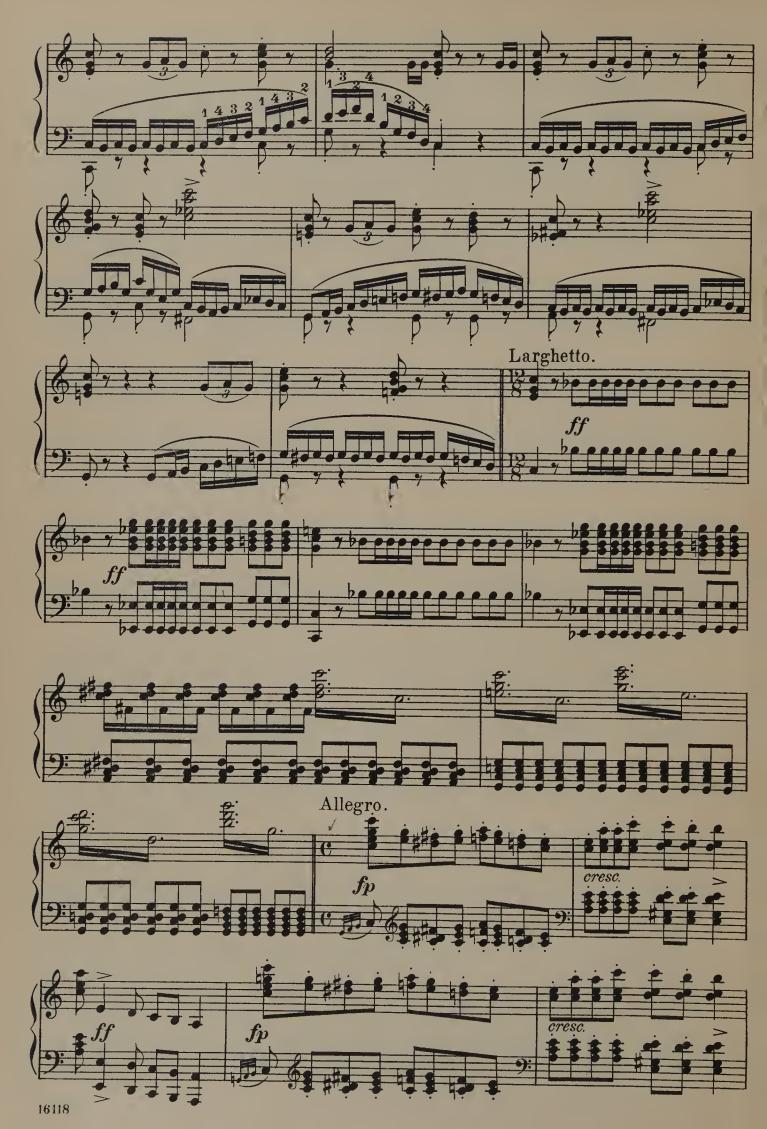
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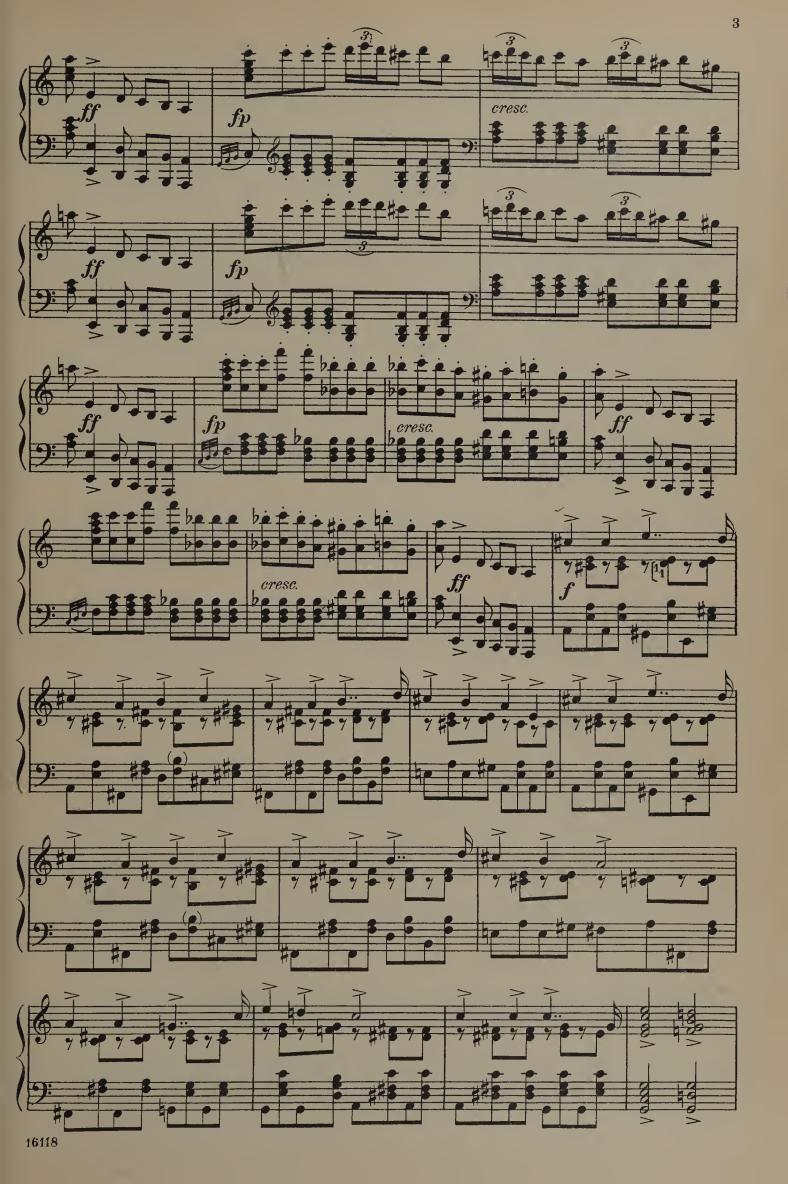
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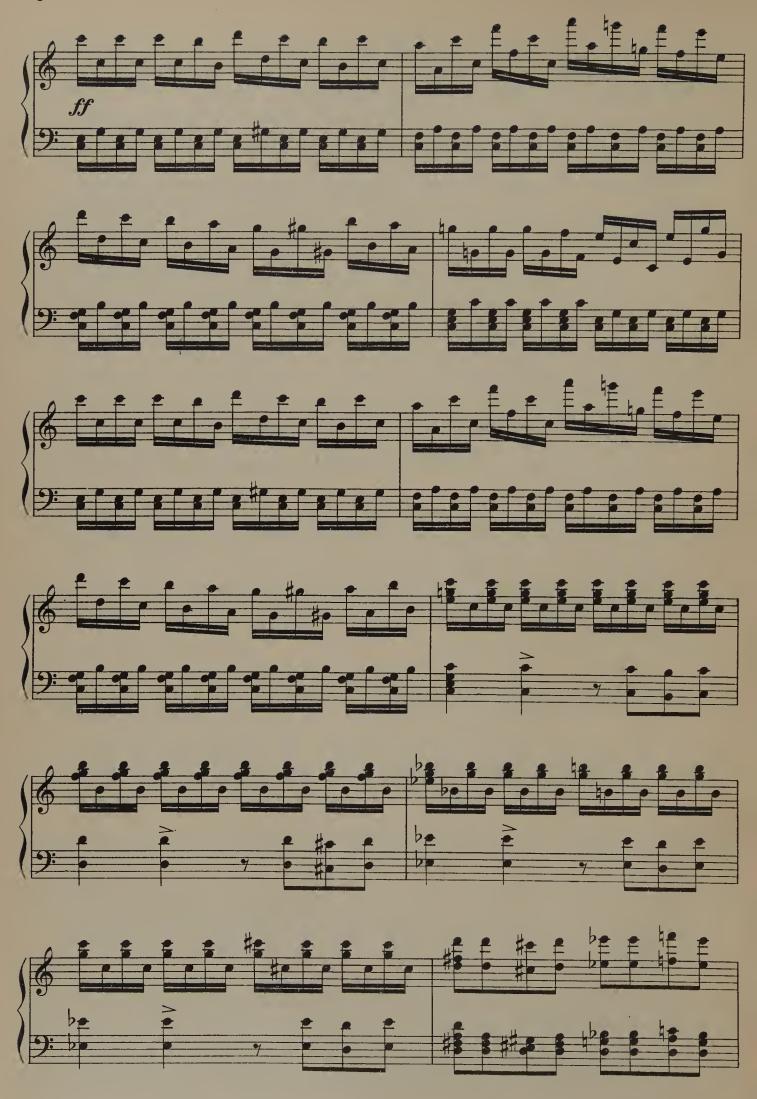


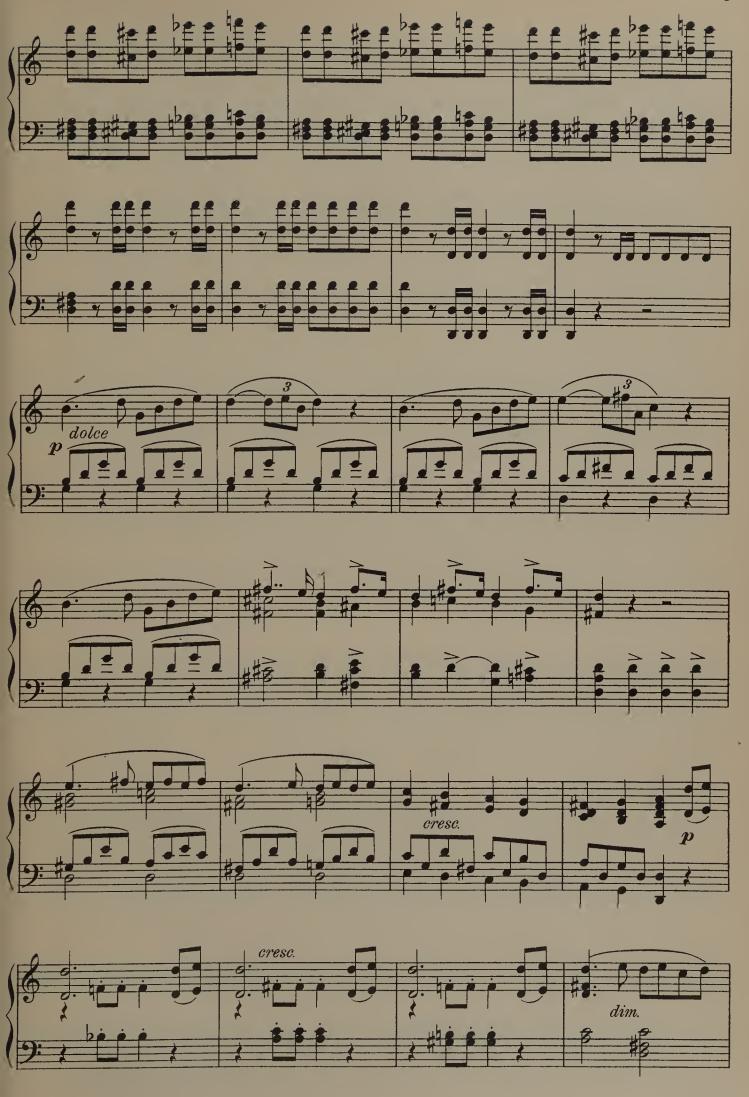
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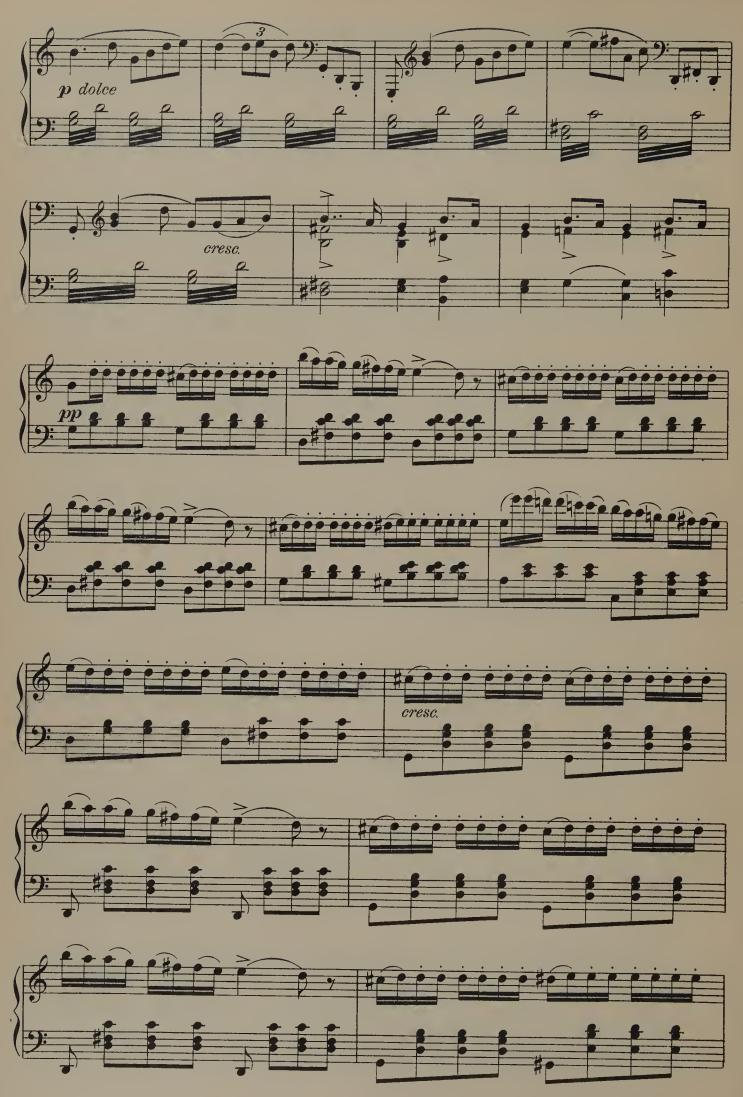




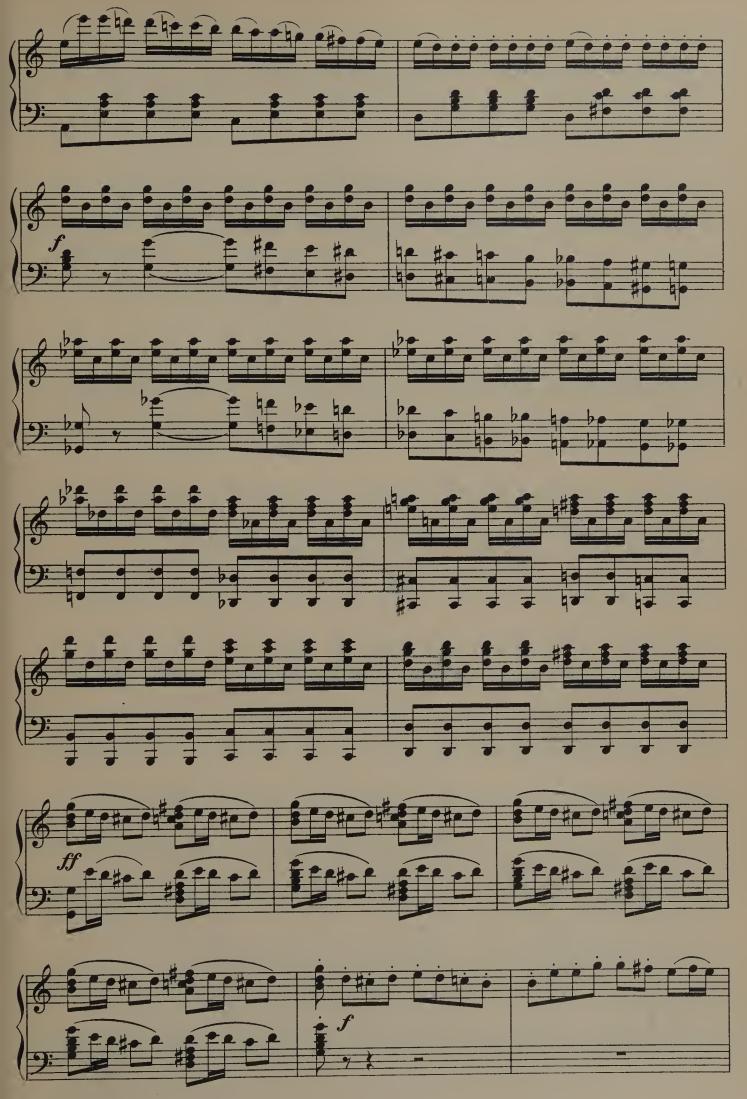


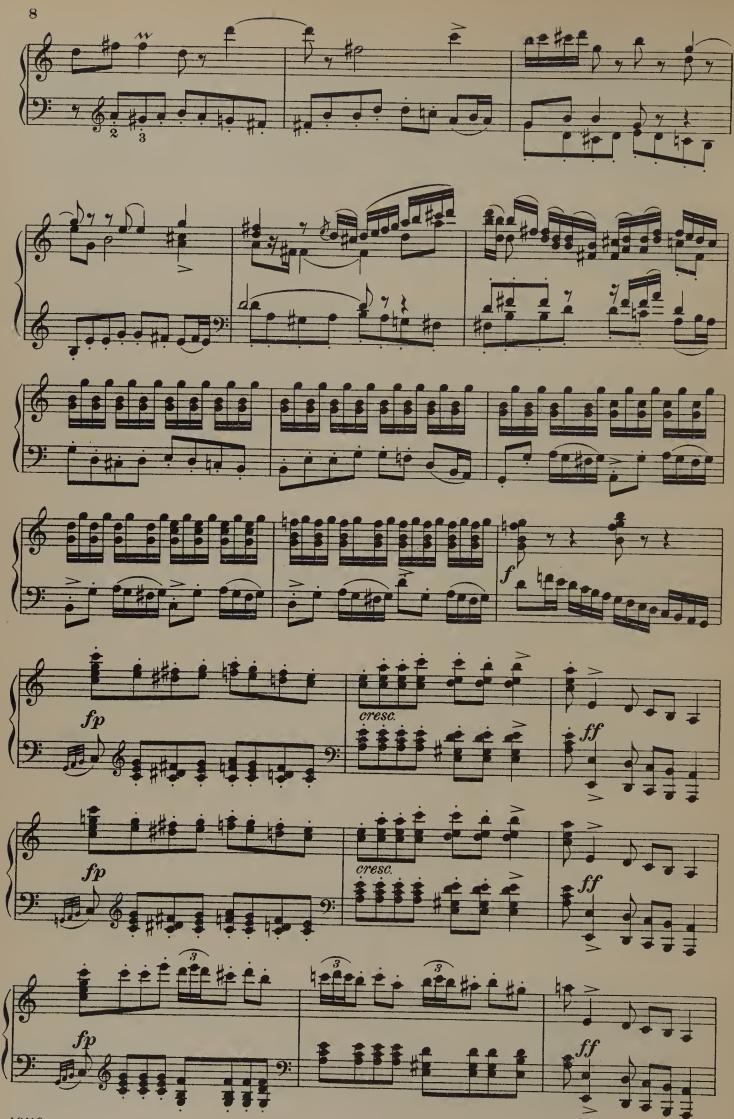


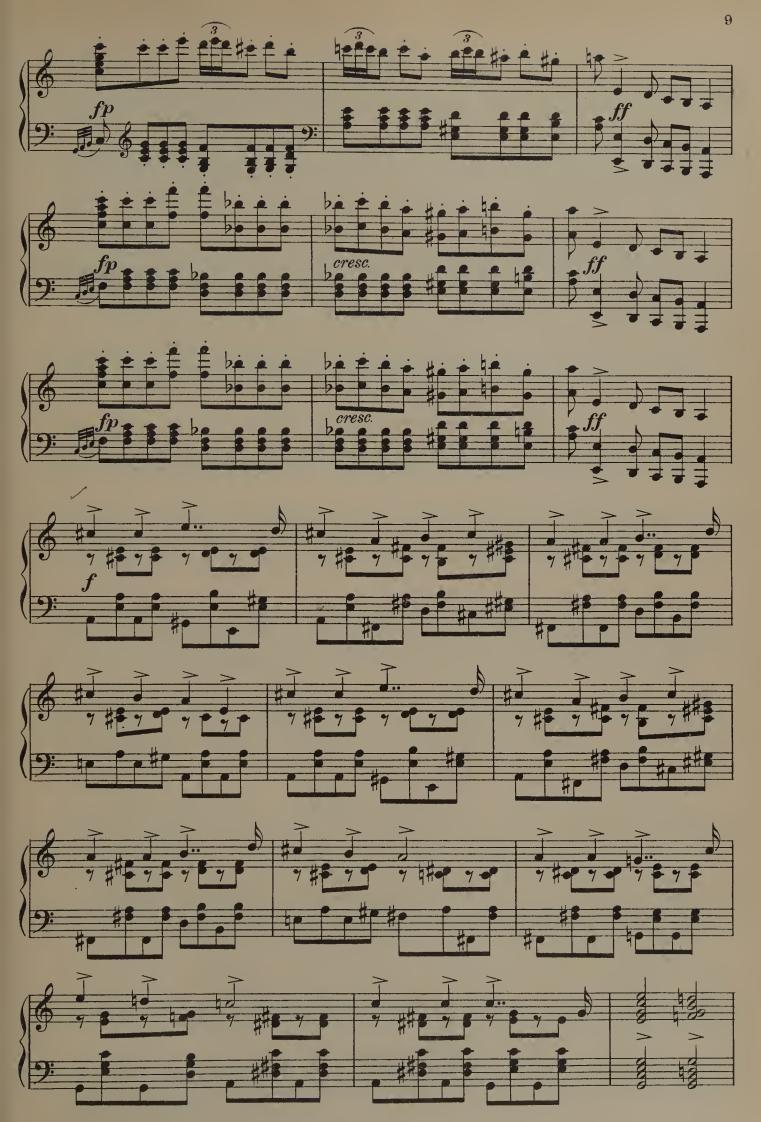


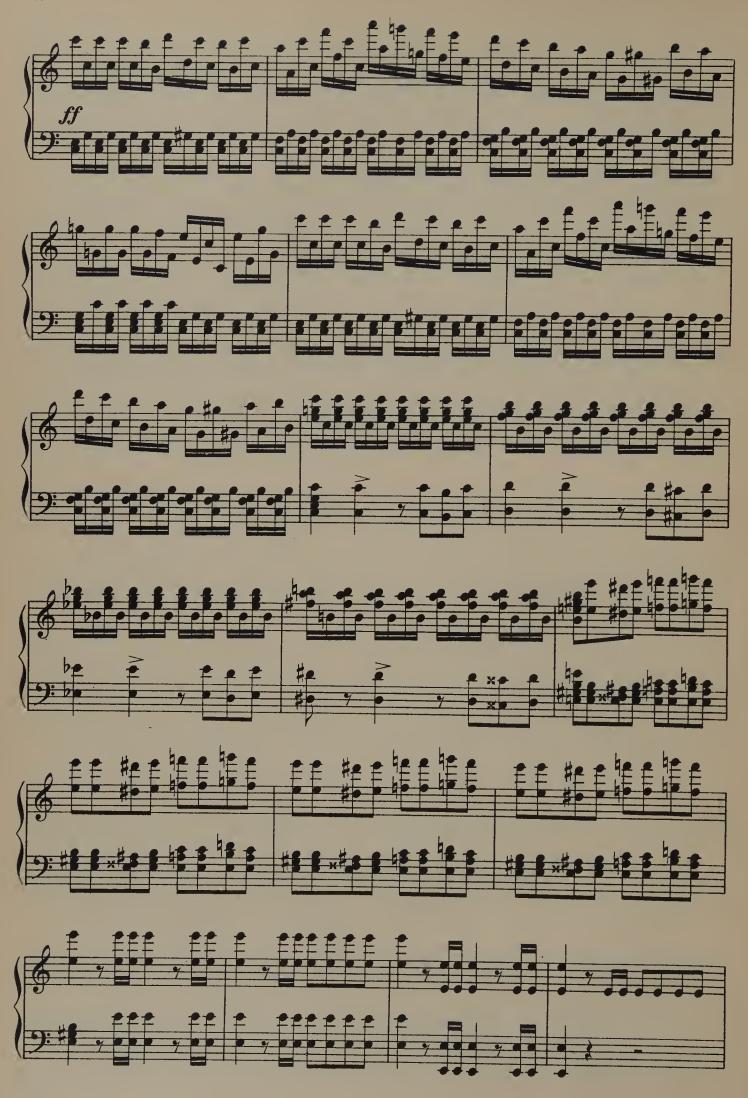


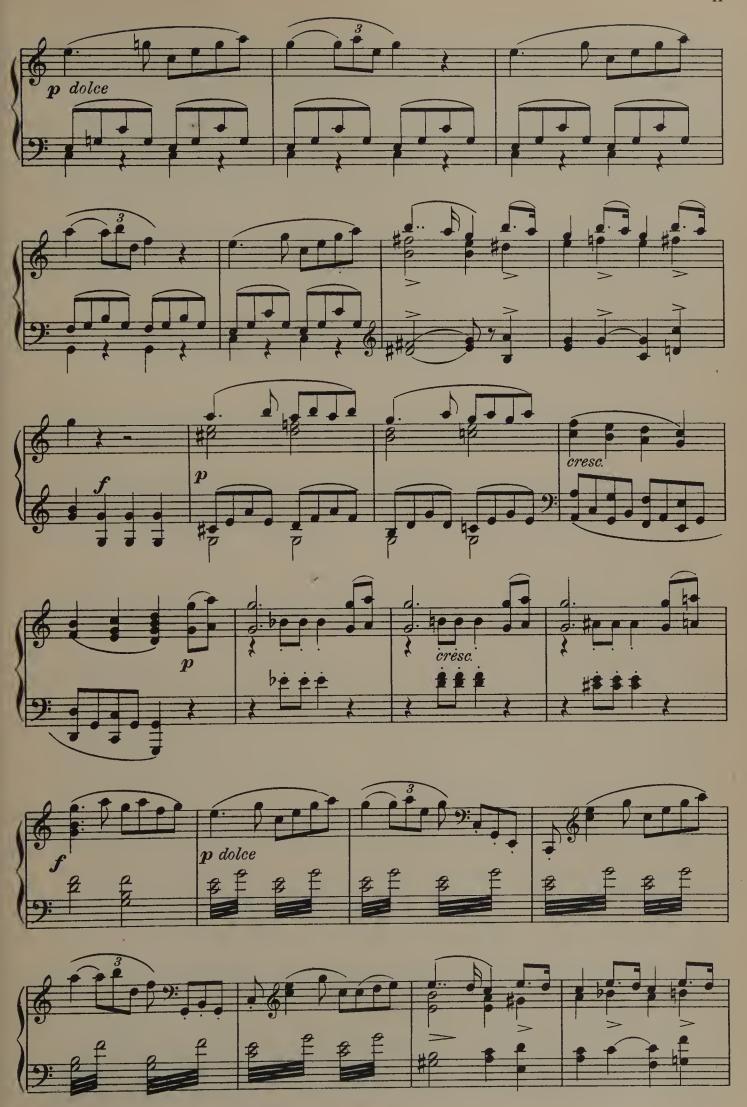


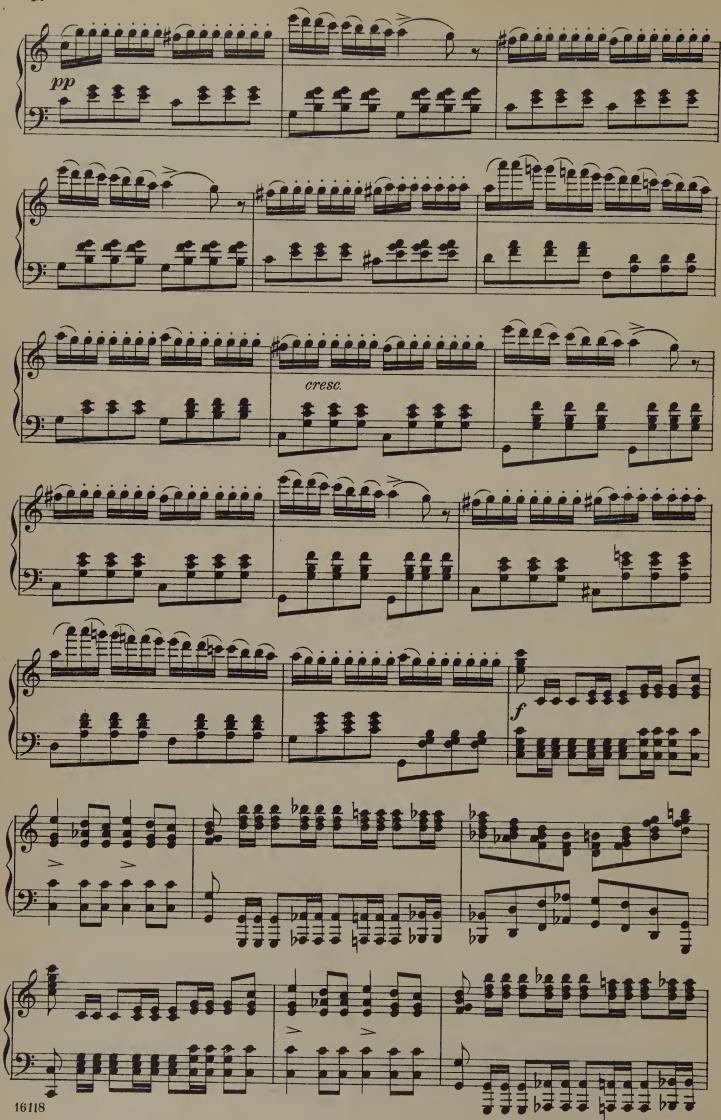


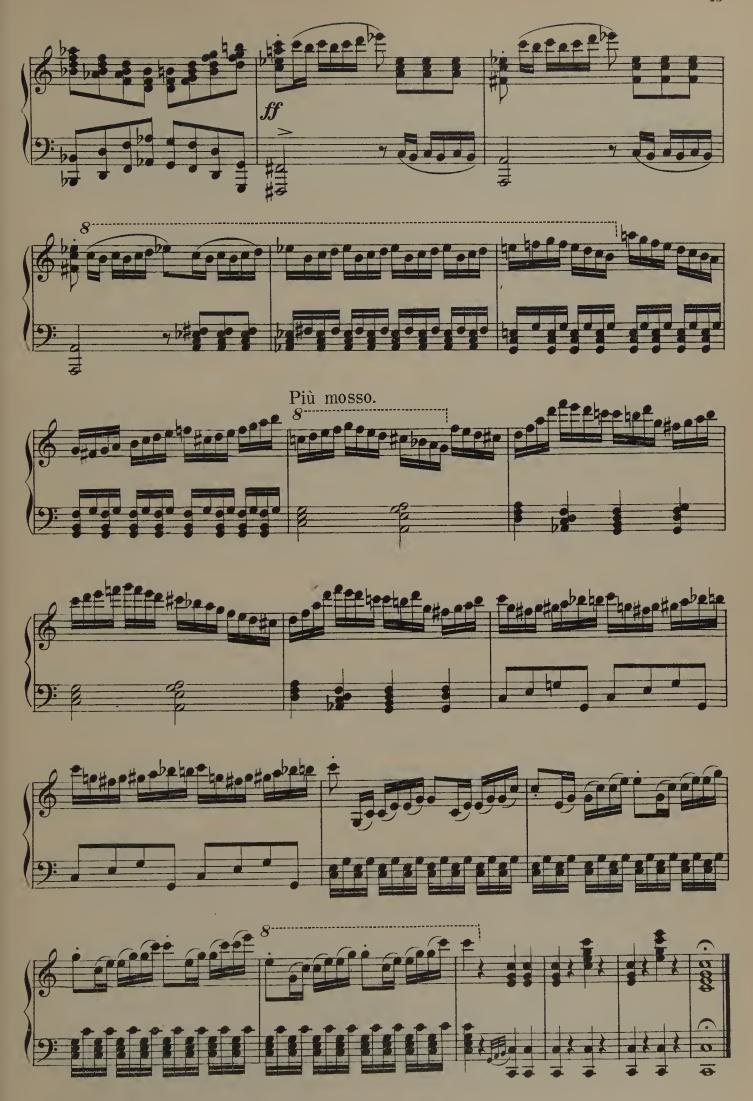




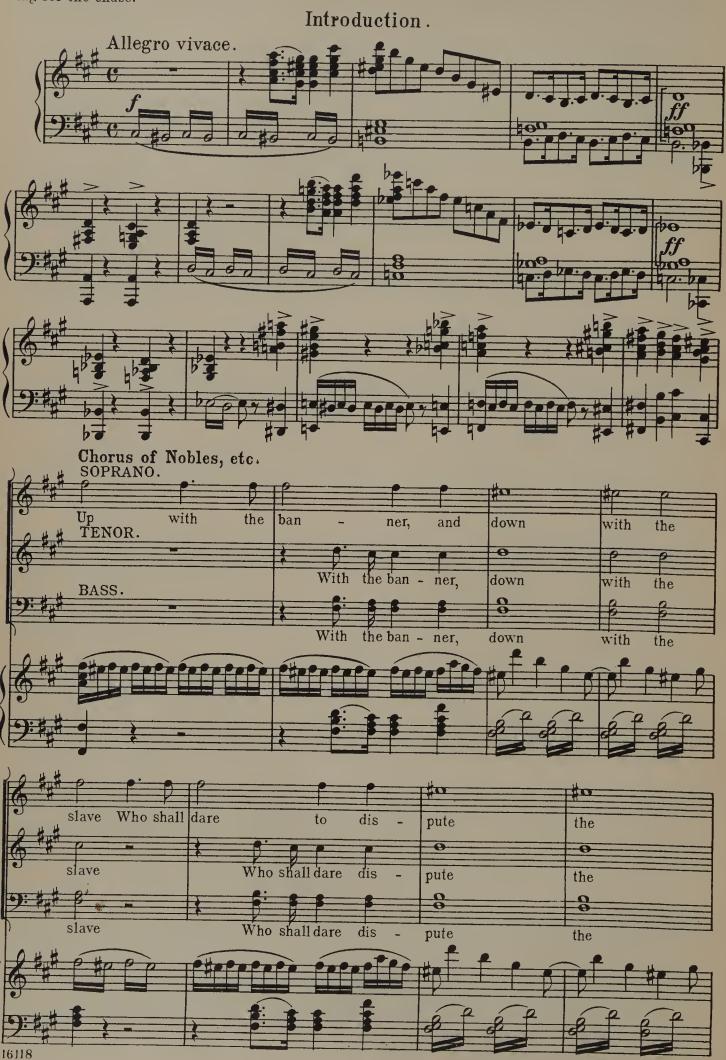


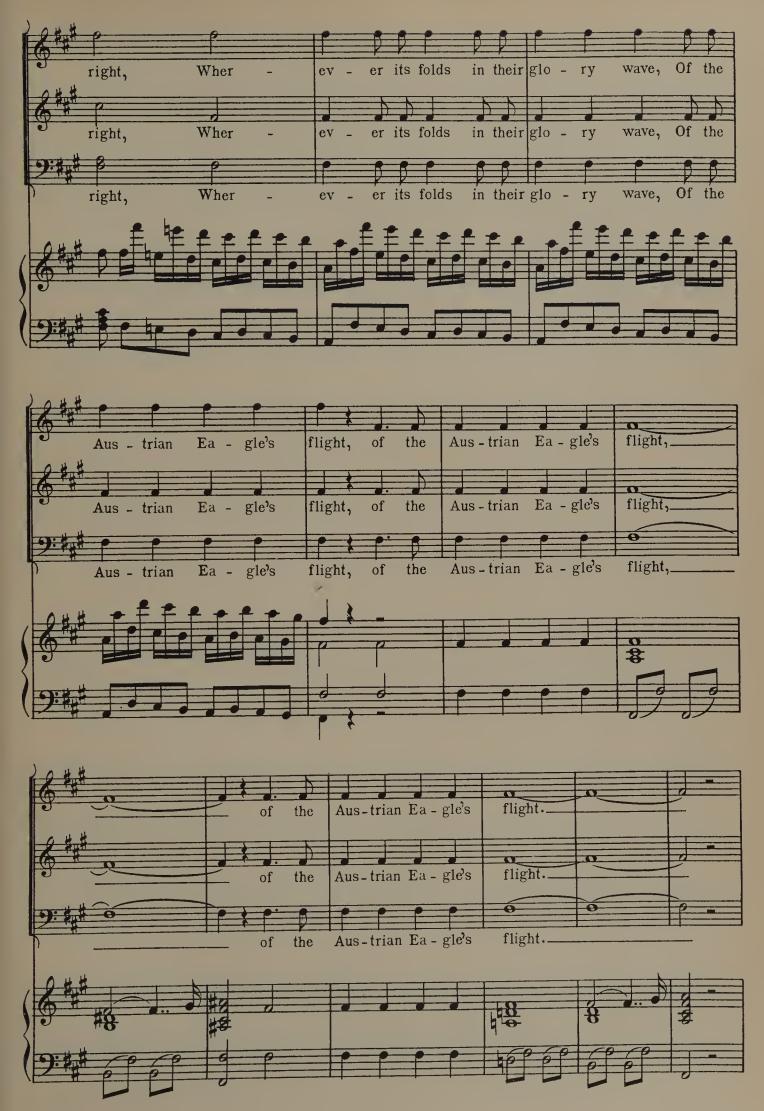


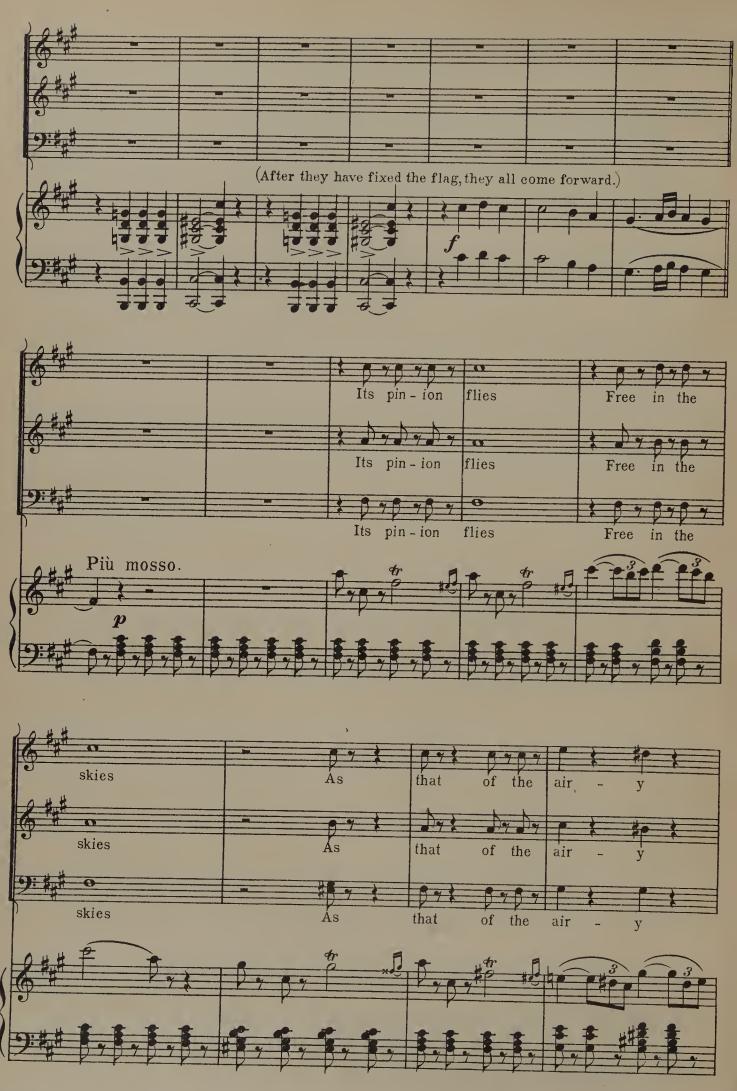


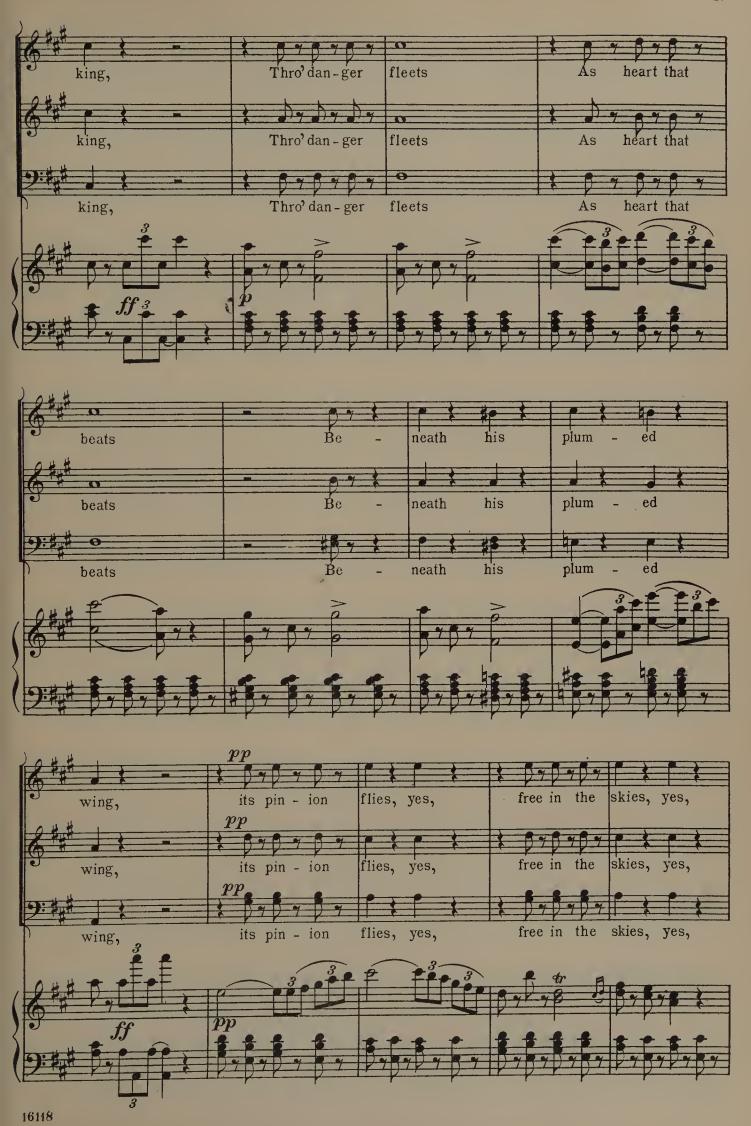


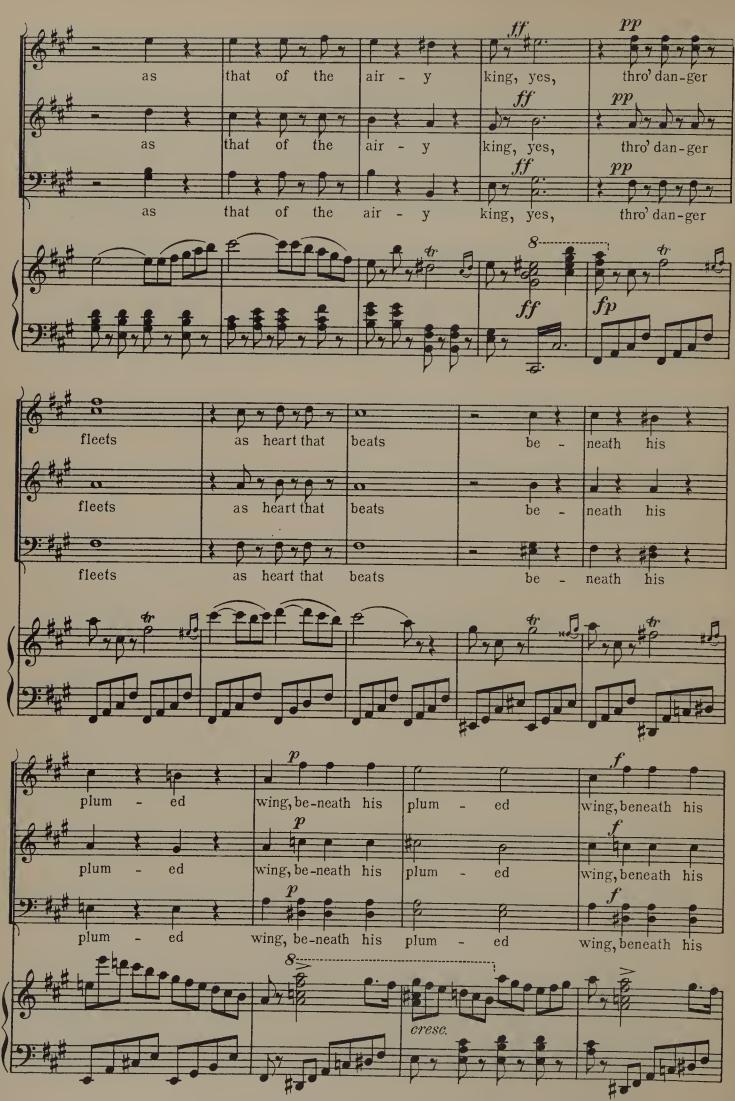
Scene I.— The château and grounds of Count Arnheim, on the Danube, near Presburg. On one side, principal entrance of the castle; opposite is a statue of the Emperor, above which a party is employed raising the Austrian flag. On the rising of the curtain, the retainers of Count Arnheim are discovered preparing for the chase.

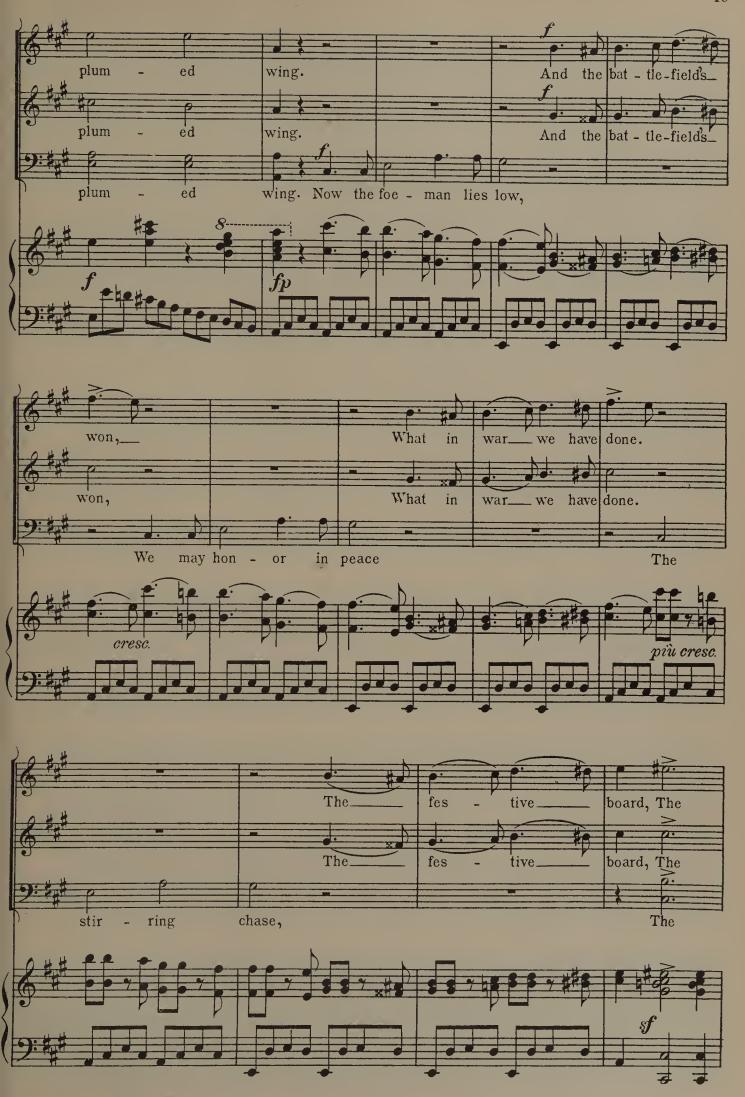




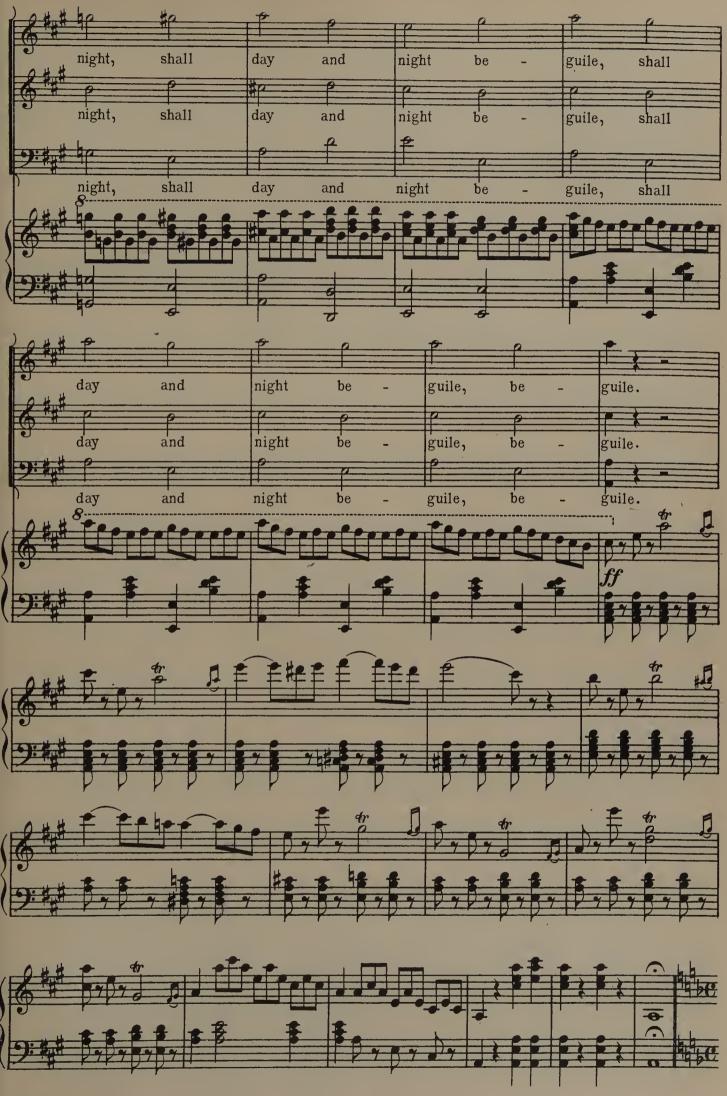






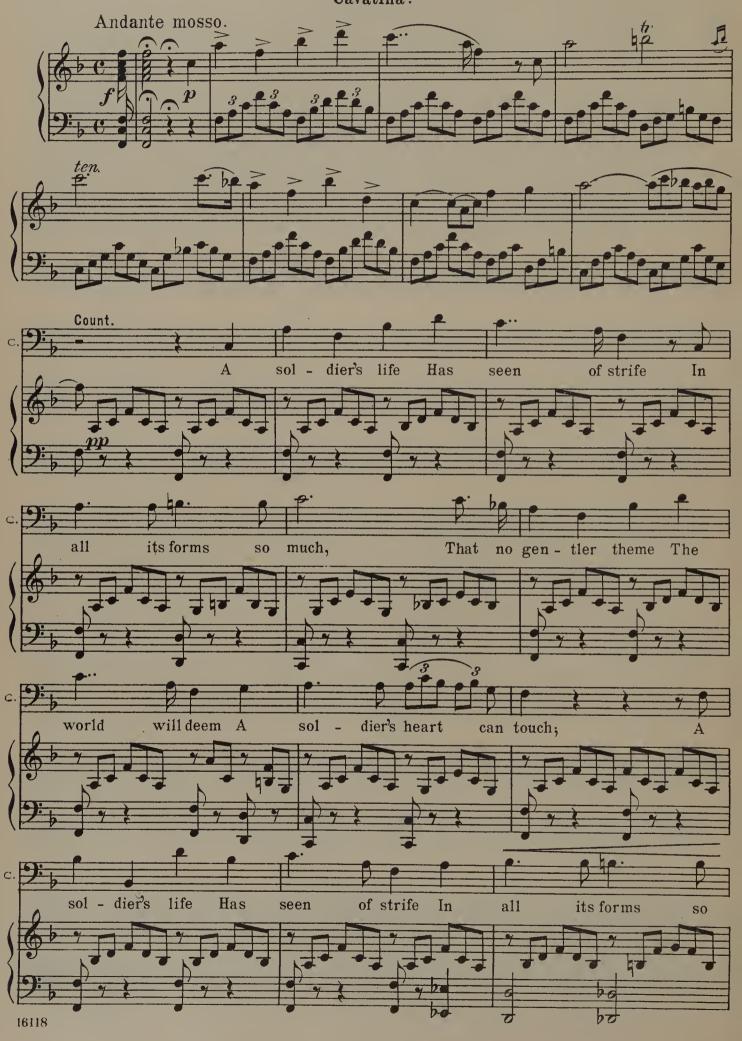




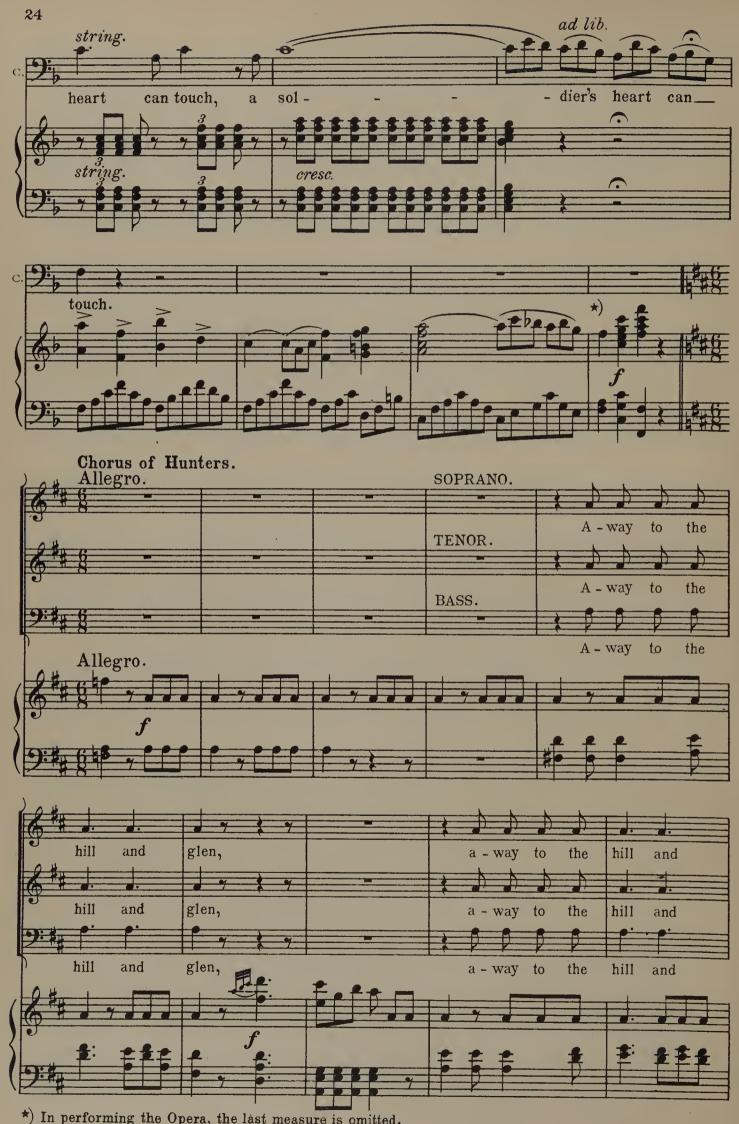


(At the end of the Chorus, Count Arnheim and Florestein enter from château, S. E. L., followed by various neighboring Nobles, Pages, Huntsmen, etc., and his child, Arline, attended by Buda, etc.)

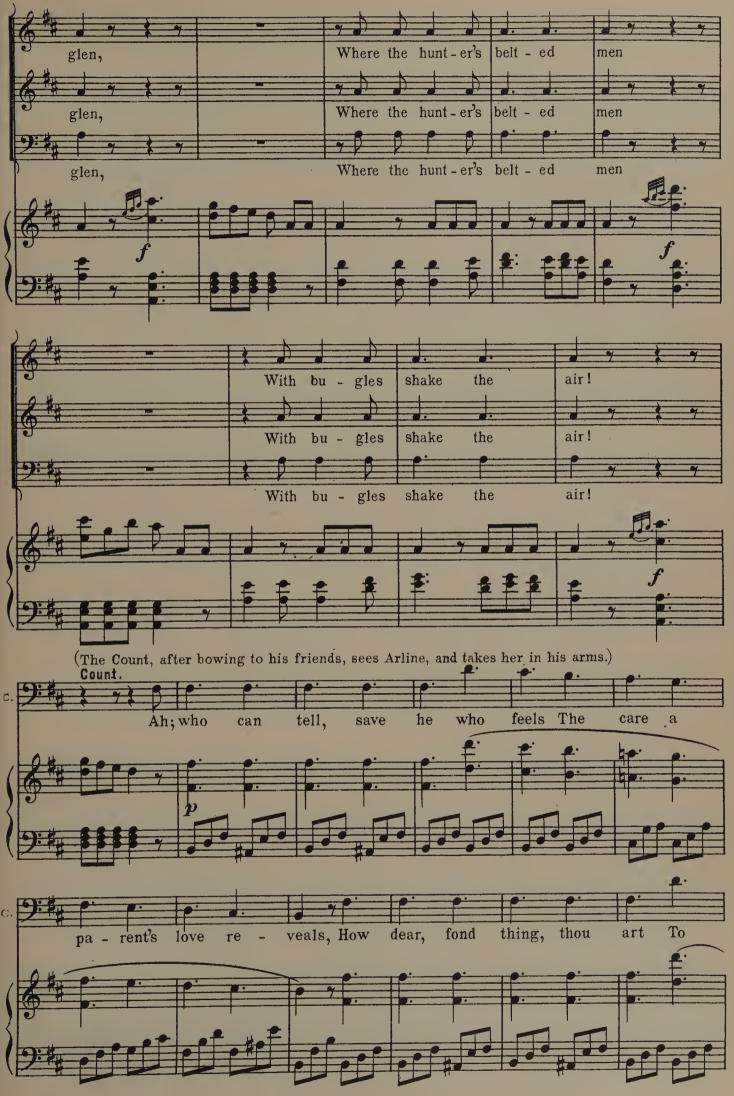
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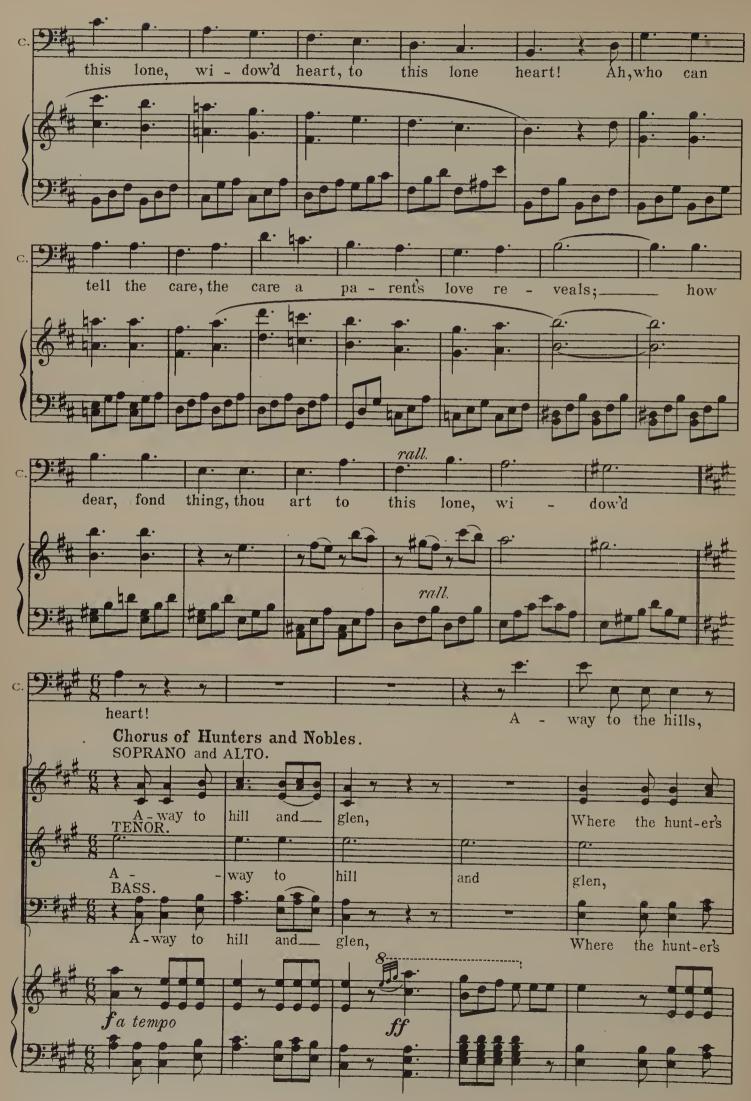






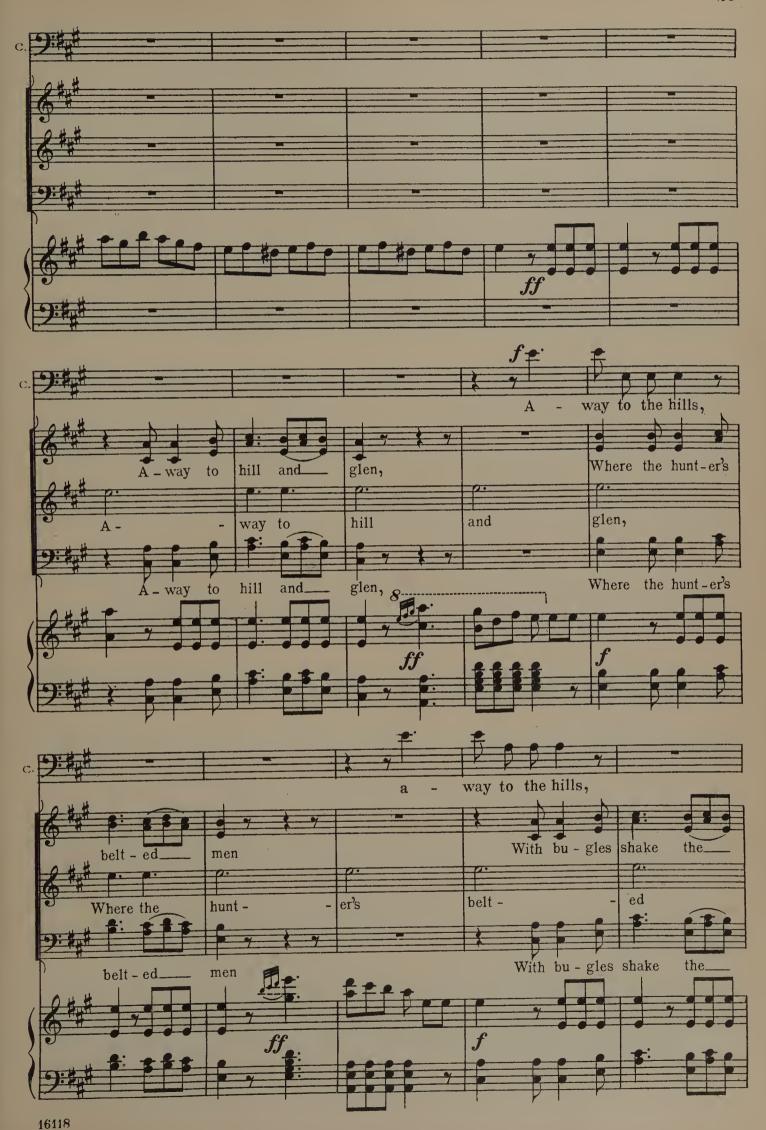
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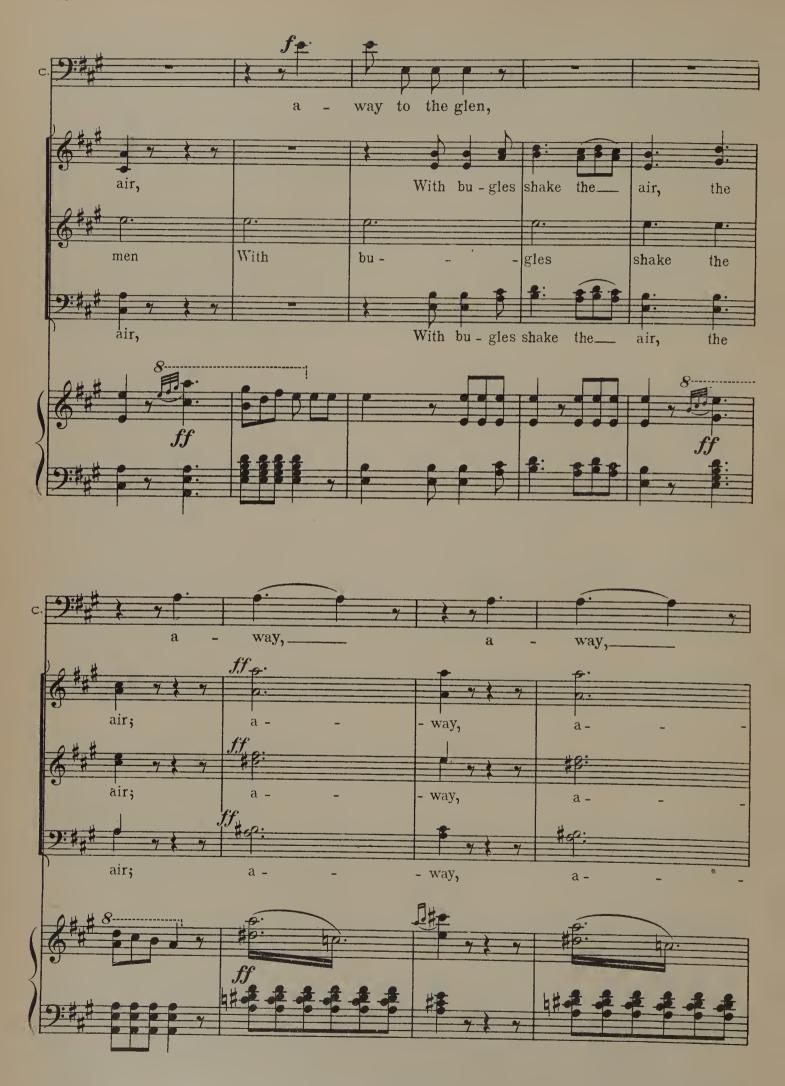






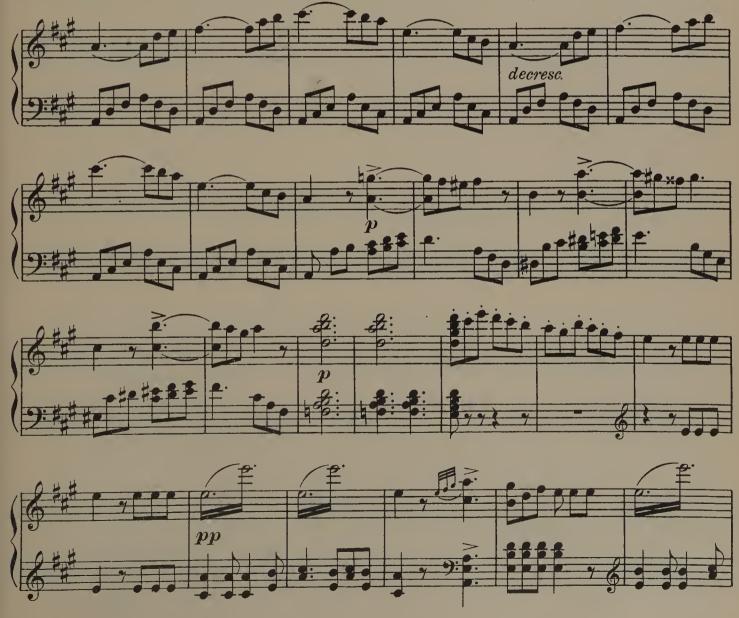


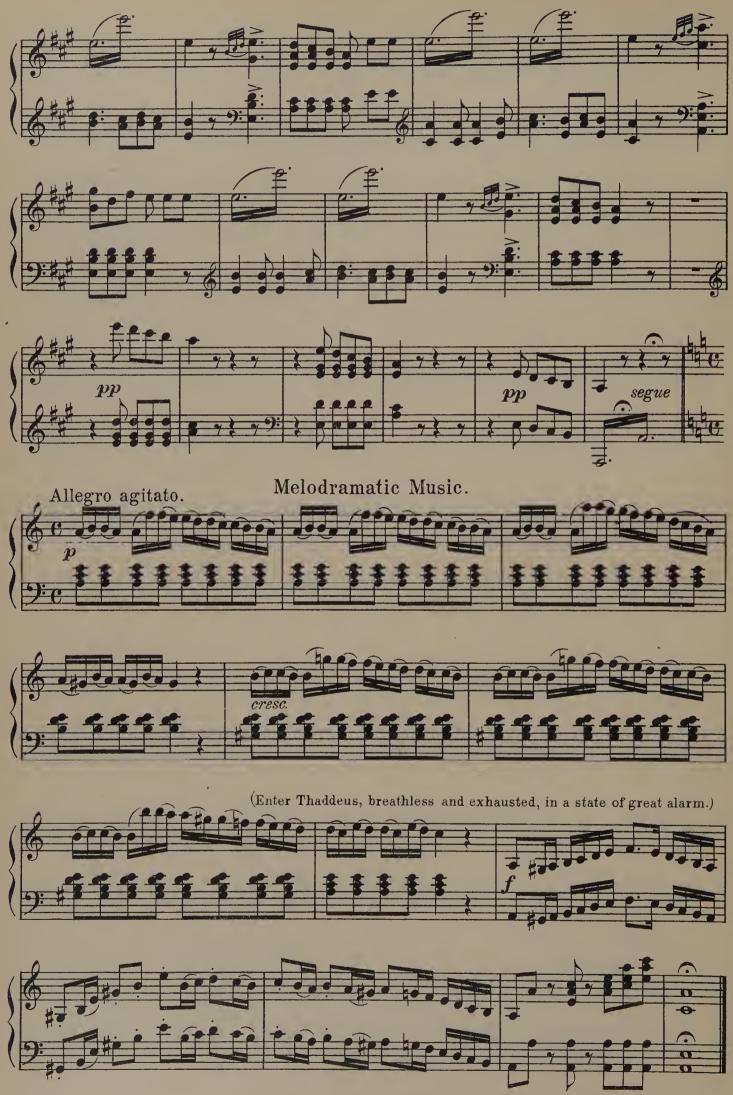






(During this, a retainer brings down [R] a rifle to Florestein, who puts it away from him. Count Arnheim exit in château. Nobles and Hunters ascend rocks and exeunt. Arline petitions Buda to let her accompany them, and goes off by a footpath, at side of rocks, with her and Florestein.)



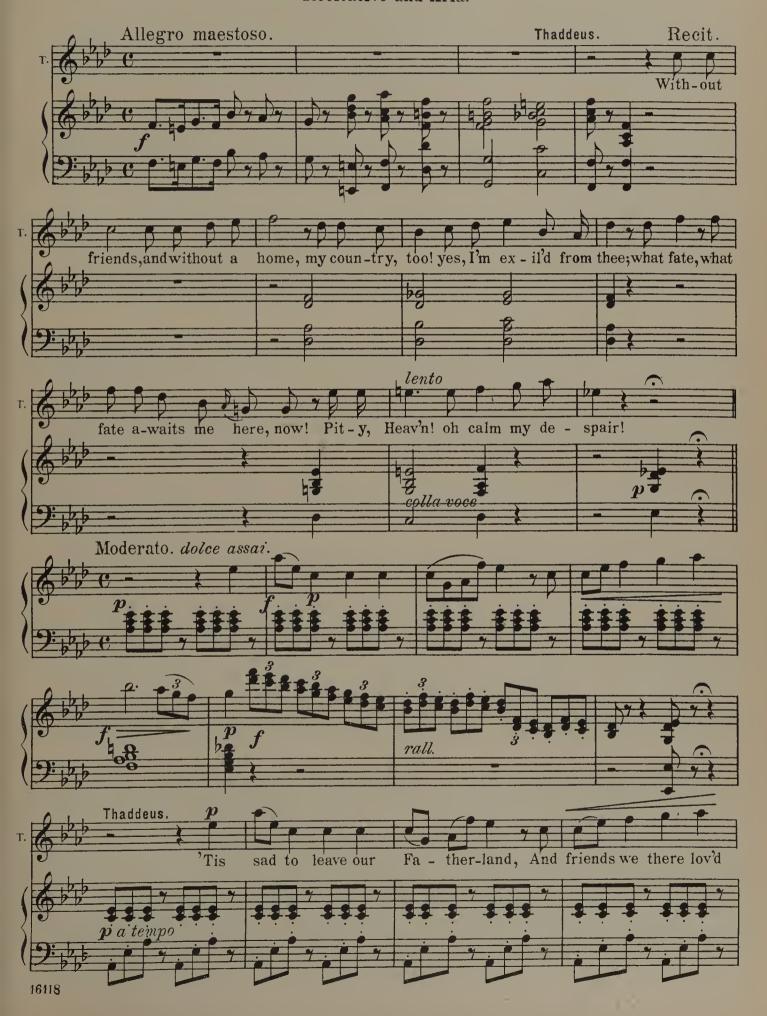


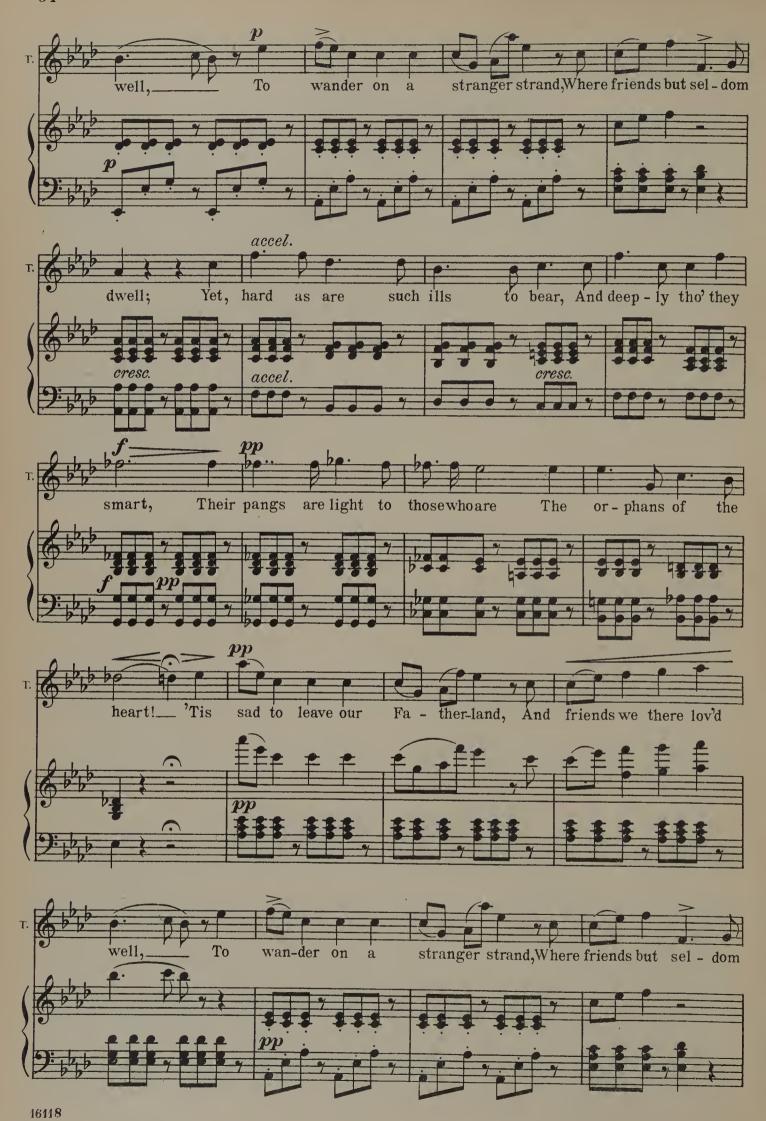
Thaddeus [spoken]. A guard of Austrian soldiers are on my track, and I can no longer elude their vigilance. An exile from my wretched country, now a prey to the inveterate invader,

my only hope is in some friendly shelter. (Sees the statue of the Emperor) Ah! that tells me I am here on the very threshold of our enemies!

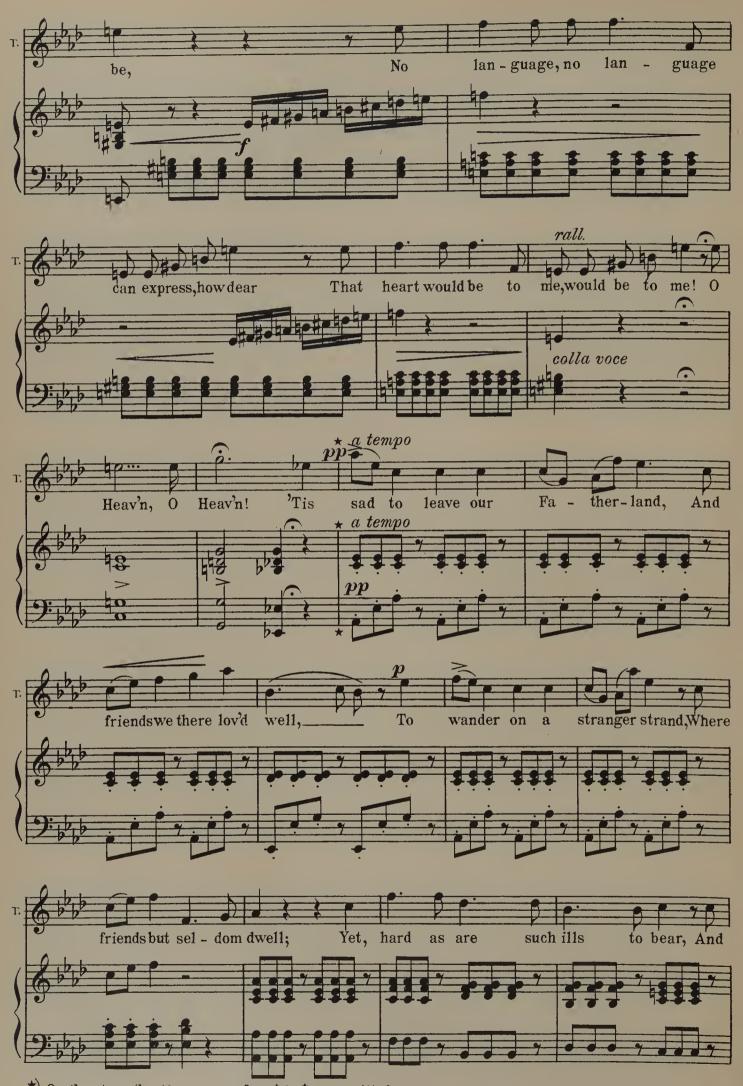
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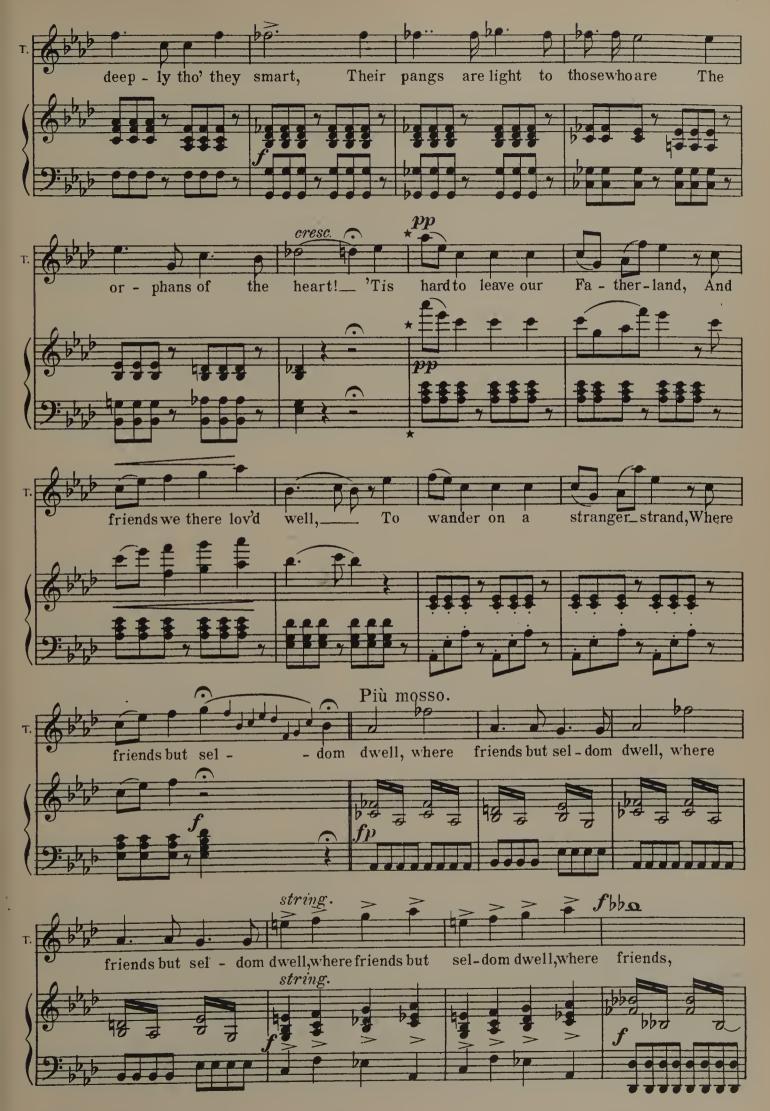








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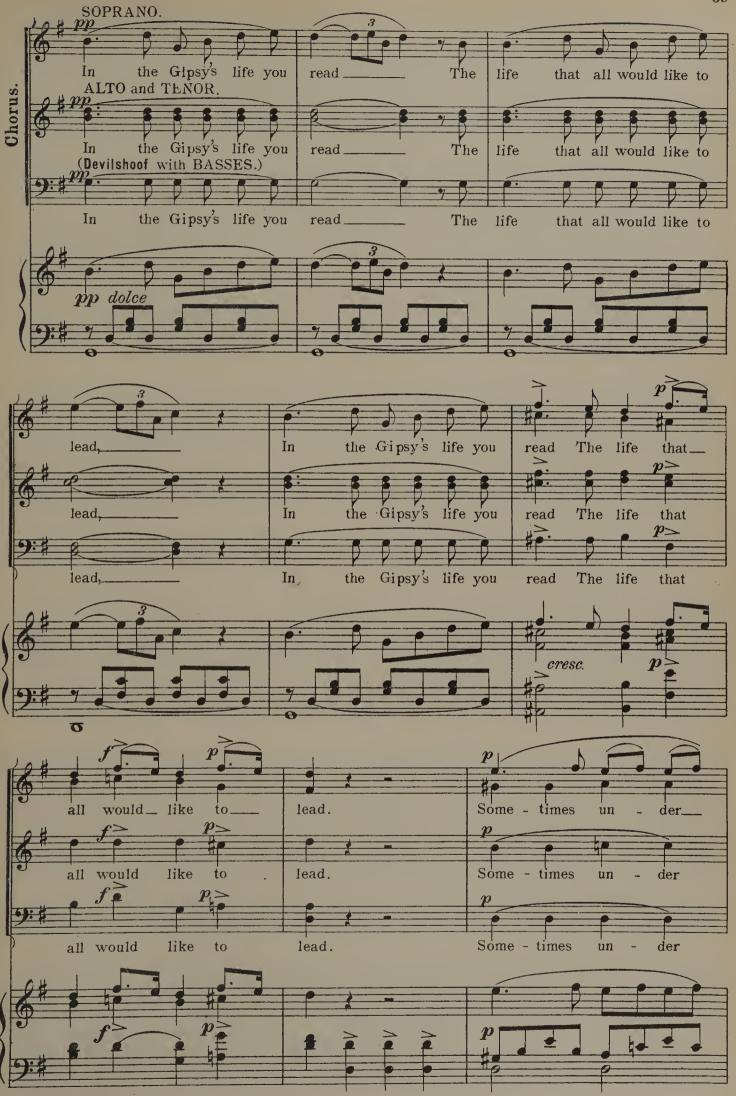


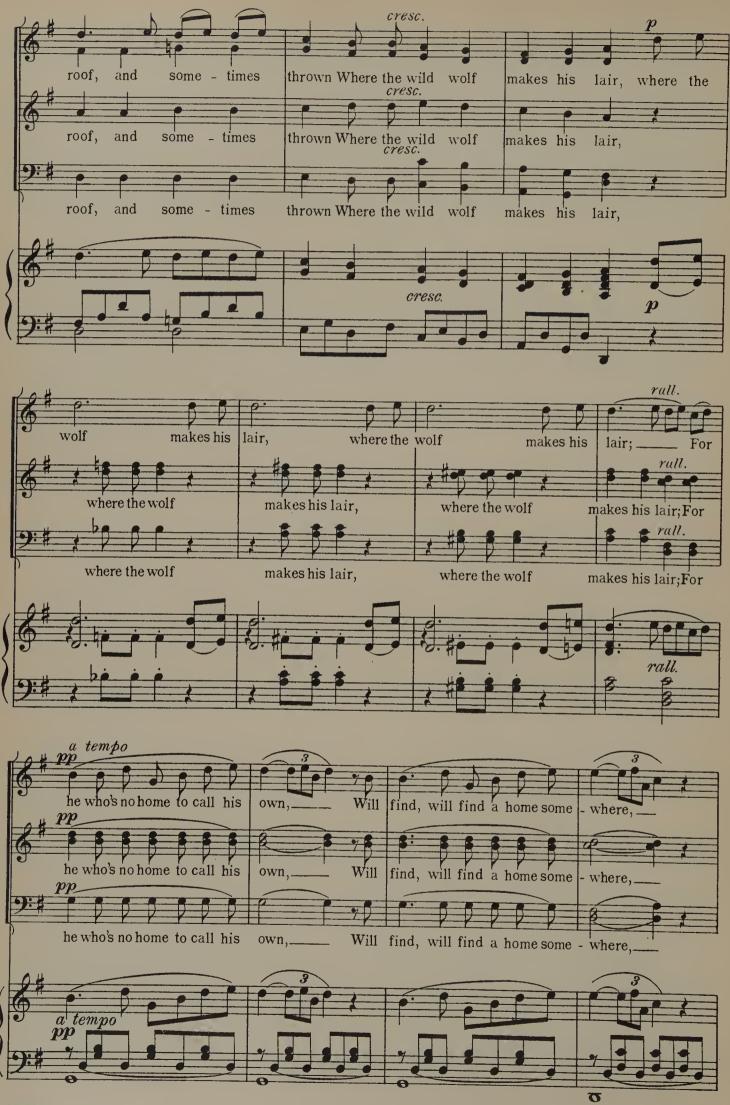
(At the end of song, a troop of Gipsies, headed by Devilshoof, their leader, suddenly appear [R.] and are about to seize and rob Thaddeus, but presuming by his dress that he is a soldier, they stop and examine him.)

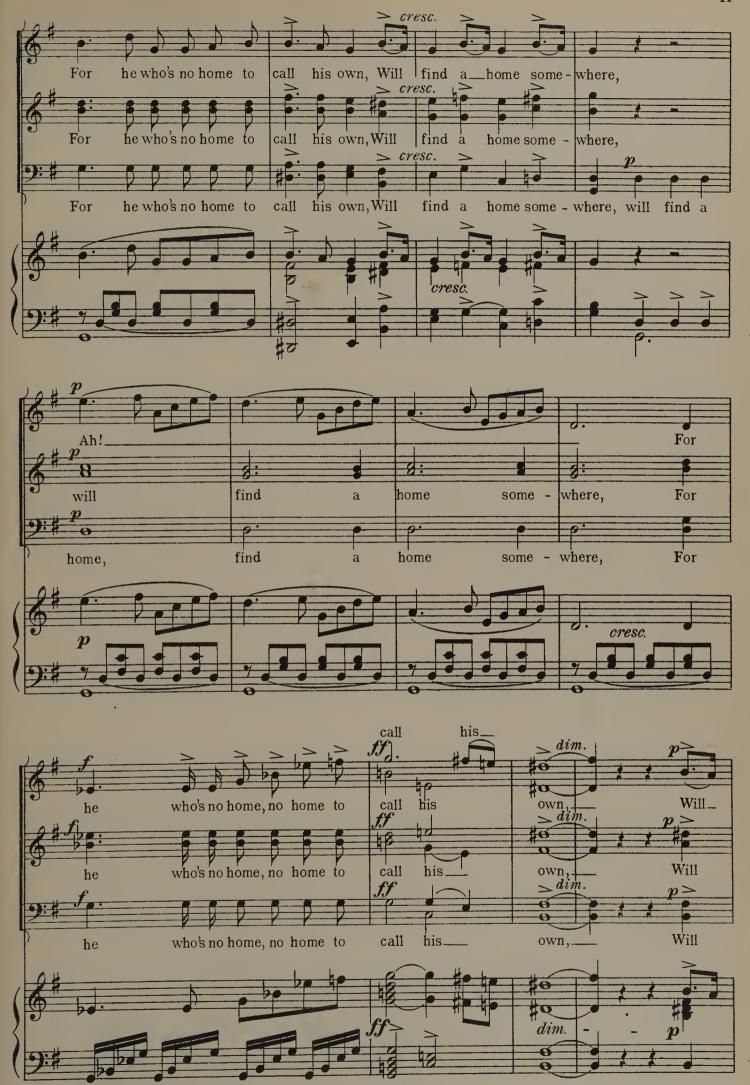
"In the Gipsy's Life." Gipsy Chorus.

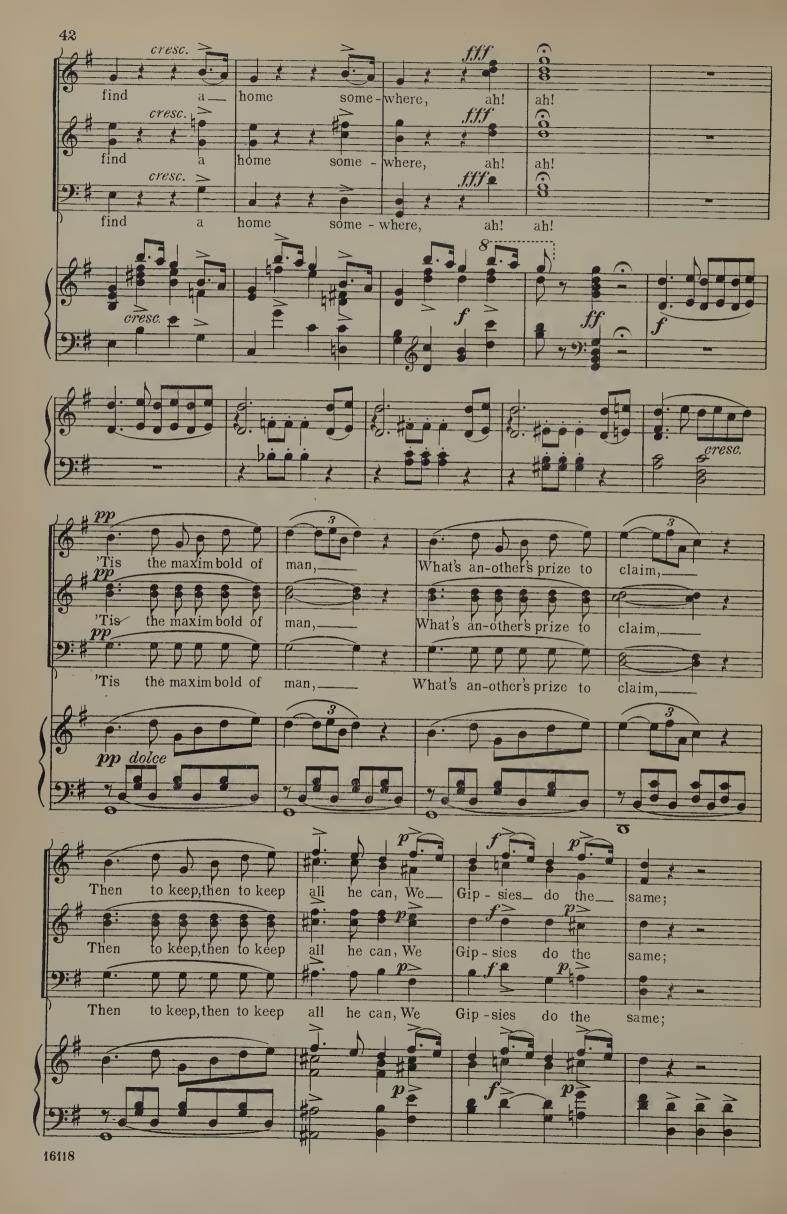




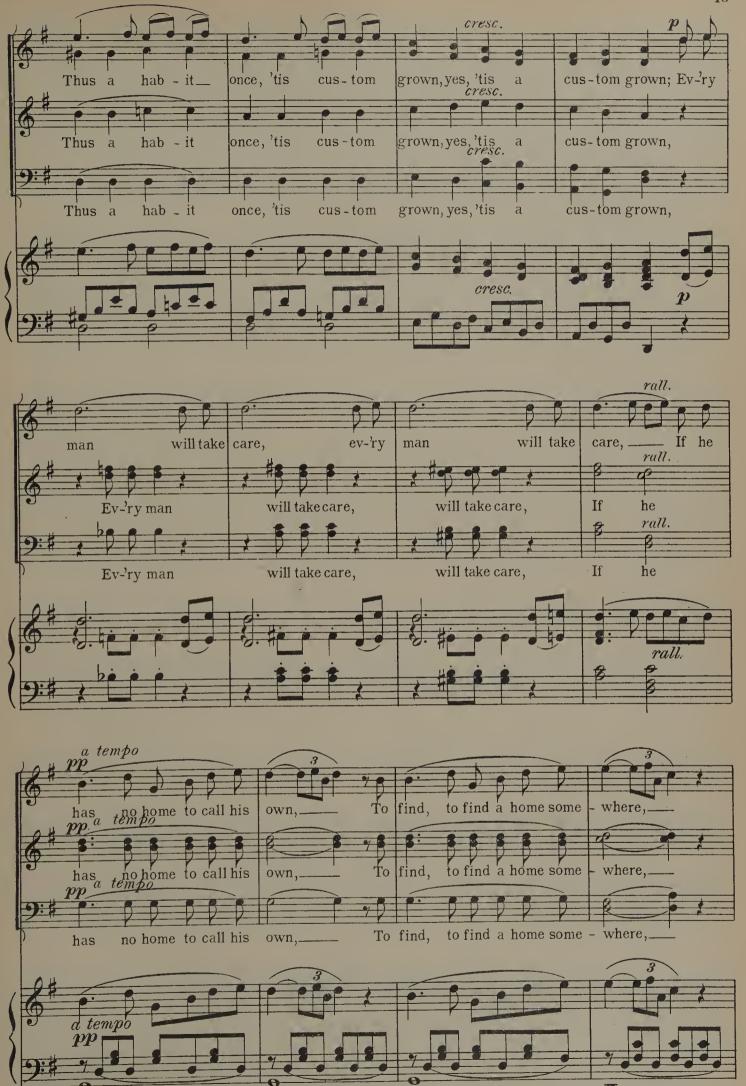




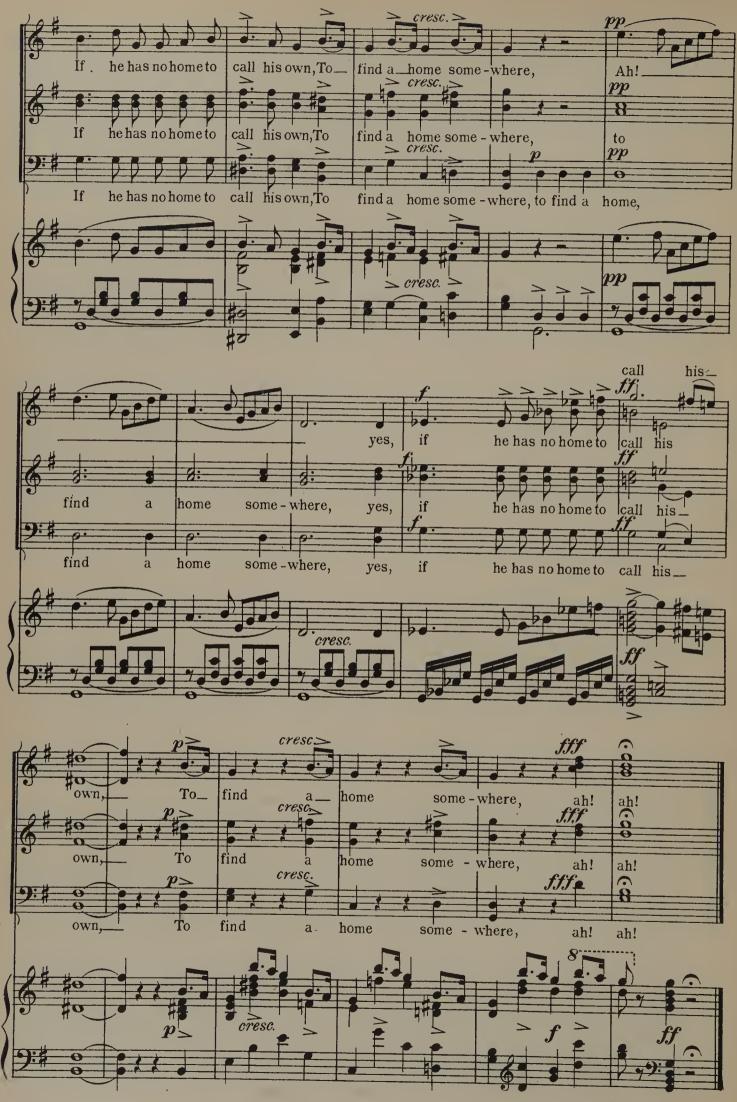












Thaddeus (aside). The sight of these wanderers has inspired me with a project. (To Devilshoof.) Your manner and habit please me. I should like to join your band. I am young, strong, and have, I hope, plenty of courage.

Devilshoof. Who are you?

Thad. One without money, without home, and without hope.

Dev. You're just the fellow for us, then!

Gipsy (who is on the look-out on rock, R). Soldiers are coming this way.

Thad. 'Tis I they are in search of.

Dev. Indeed! then they'll be cunning if they find you.

(March begins.)

(In a moment they strip the soldier's dress off Thaddeus, and as they are putting a Gipsy's frock, &c., over him, a roll of parchment, with seal attached, falls at the feet of Devilshoof, who seizes it.) Dev. What's this?

Thad. My commission! It is the only thing I possess on earth, and I will never part with it. (Snatches it, conceals it in his bosom, and has just time to mix himself with the Gipsies, when a body

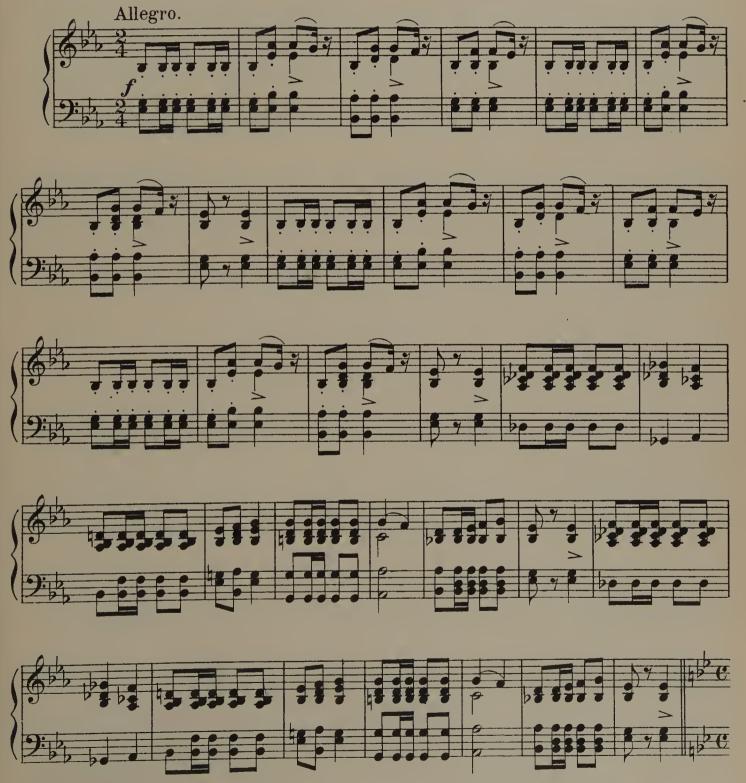
of the Emperor's soldiers enter in pursuit.) Officer (scrutinizing Gipsies). Have you seen any

one pass this way - any stranger? Dev. No one - stay - yes, a young Polish soldier

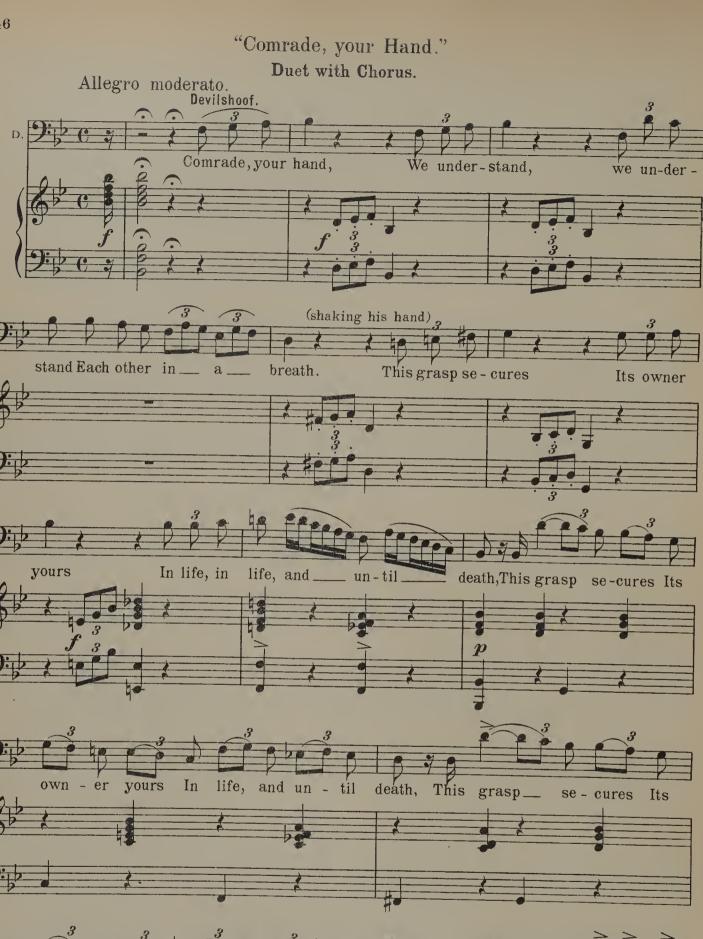
ran by just now, and passed up those rocks. Officer. That's he - thanks, friend! Forward!

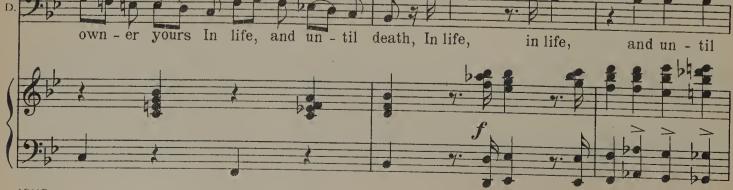
(Exeunt soldiers up rocks.)

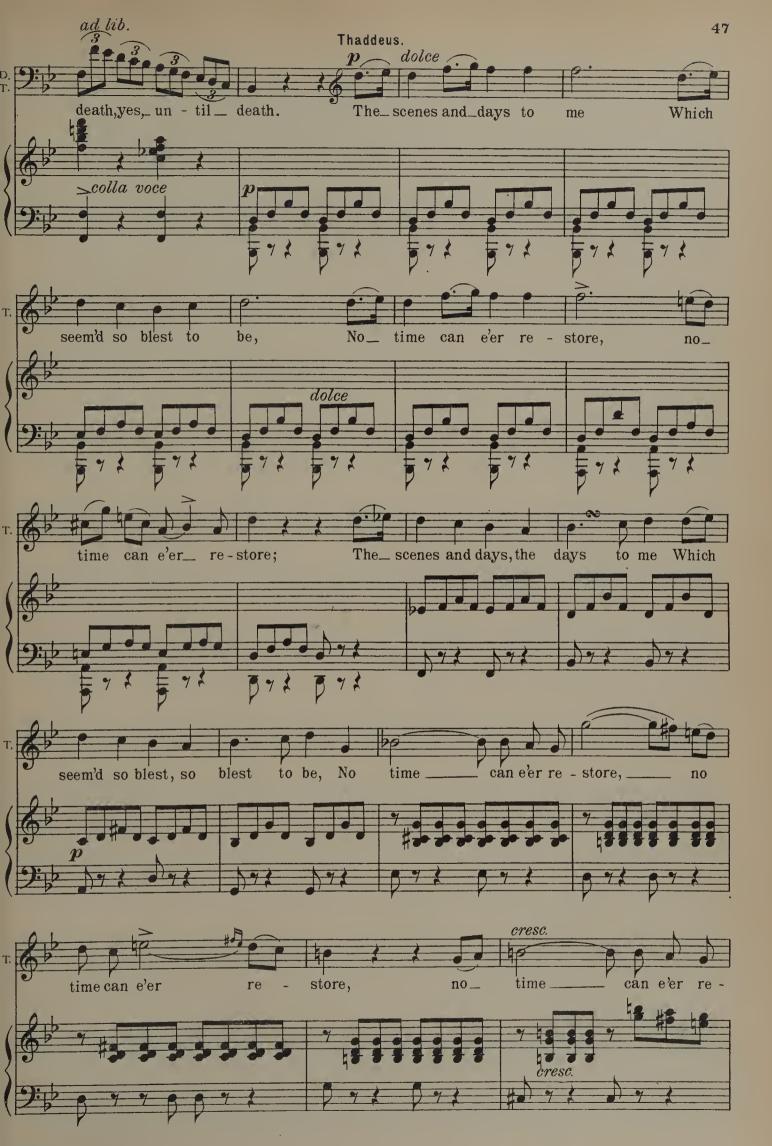
March of the Austrian Soldiers.

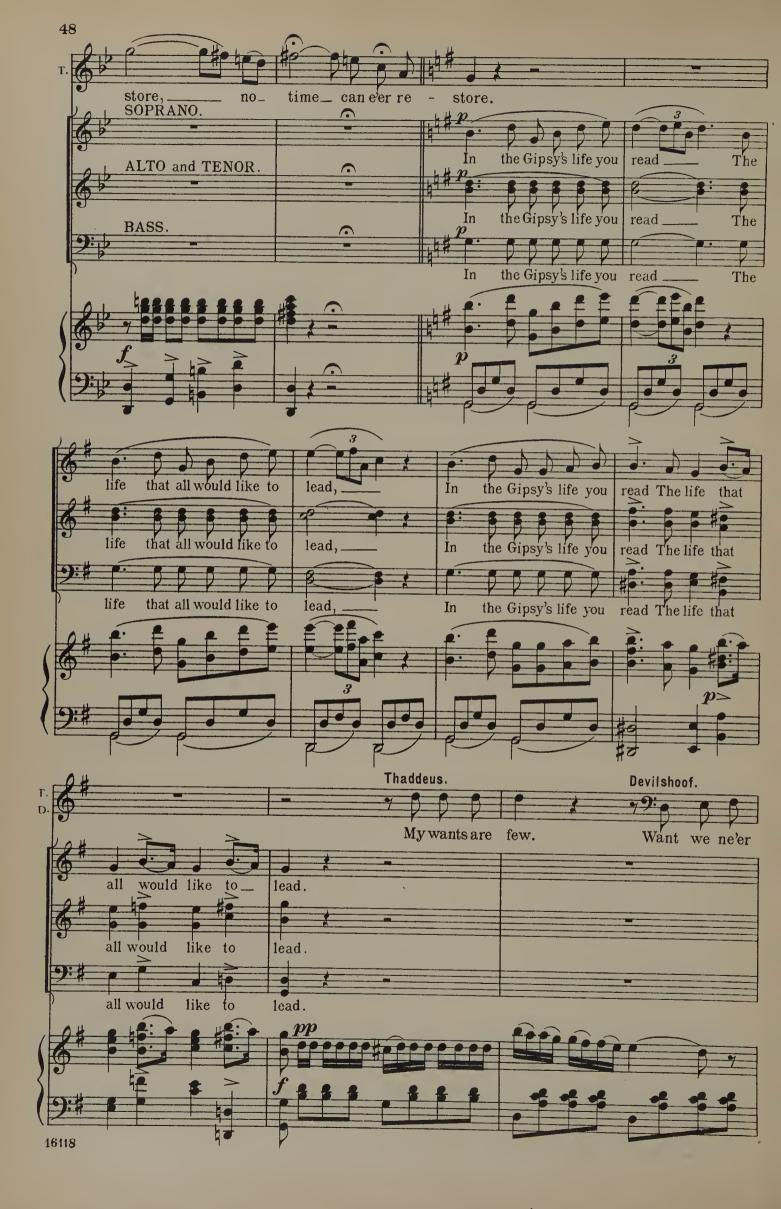


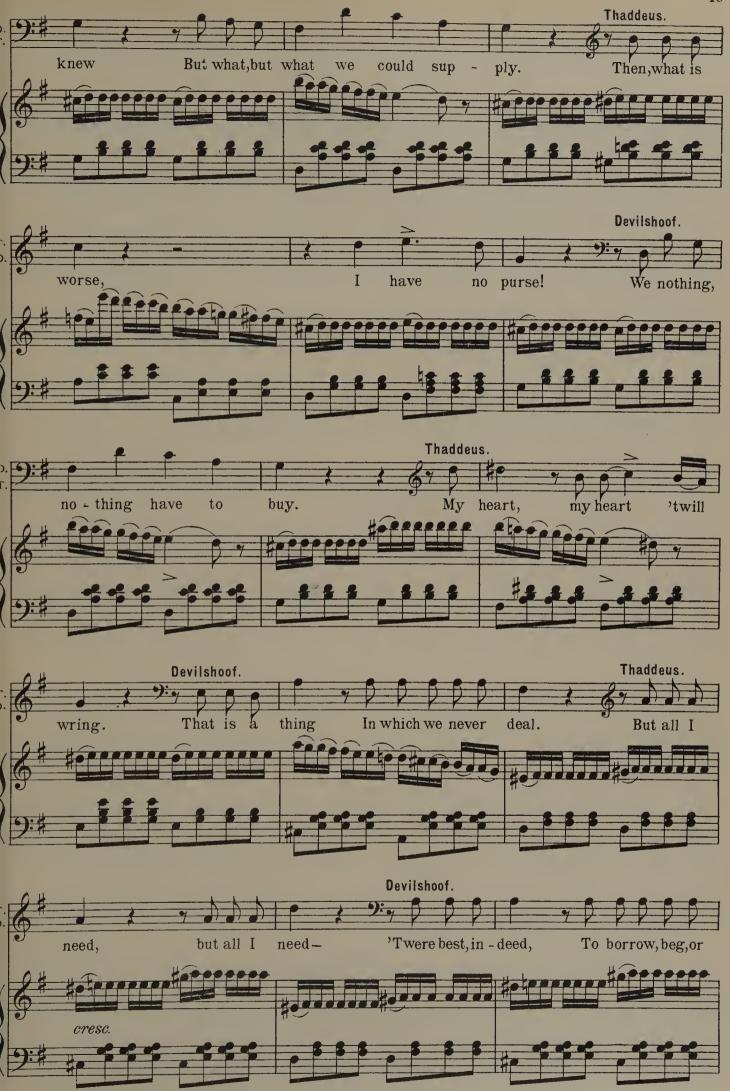
D.C. pp till Soldiers go off, then segue Duet.

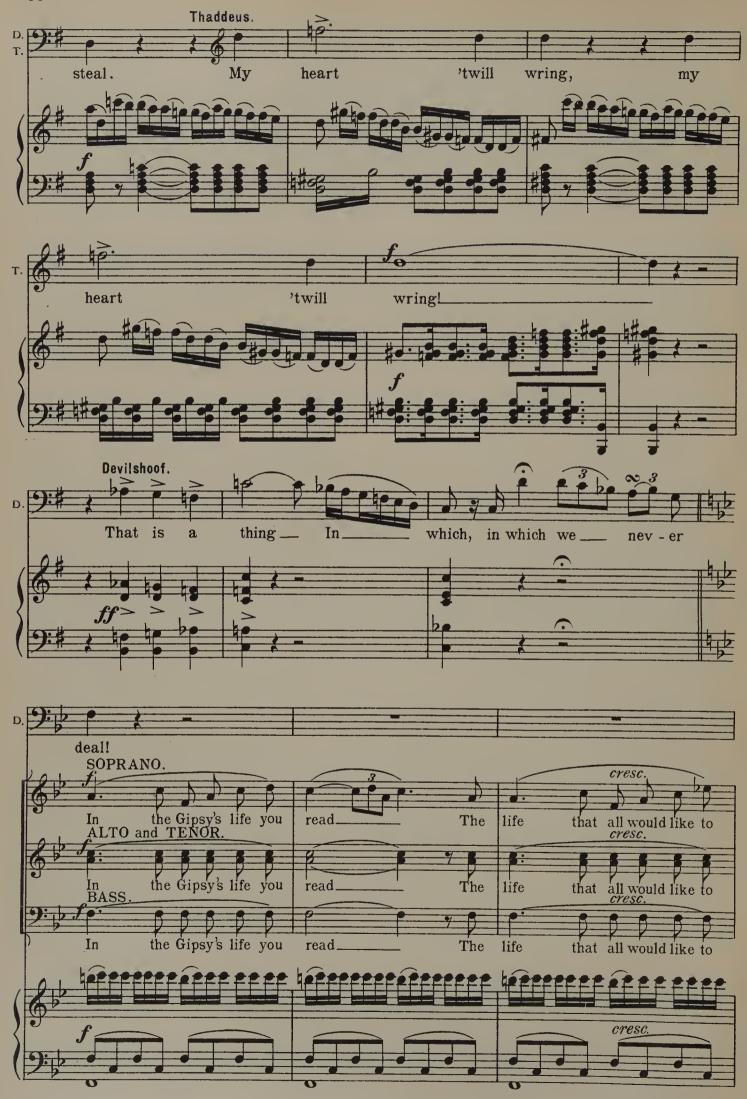


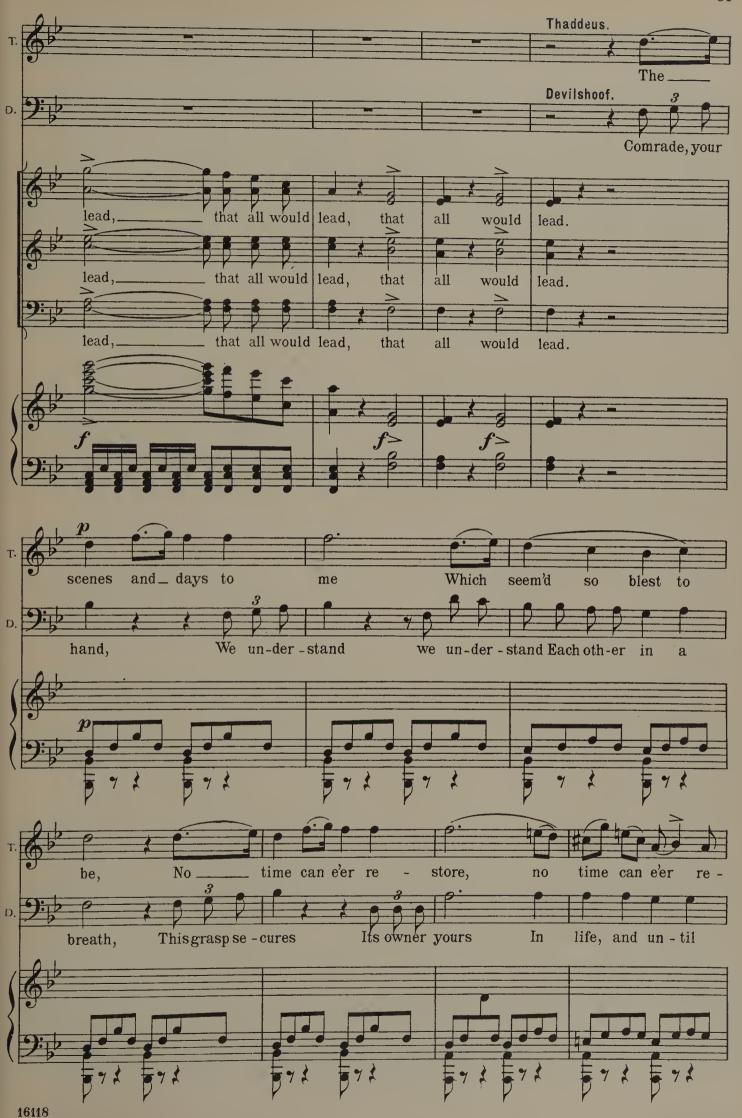




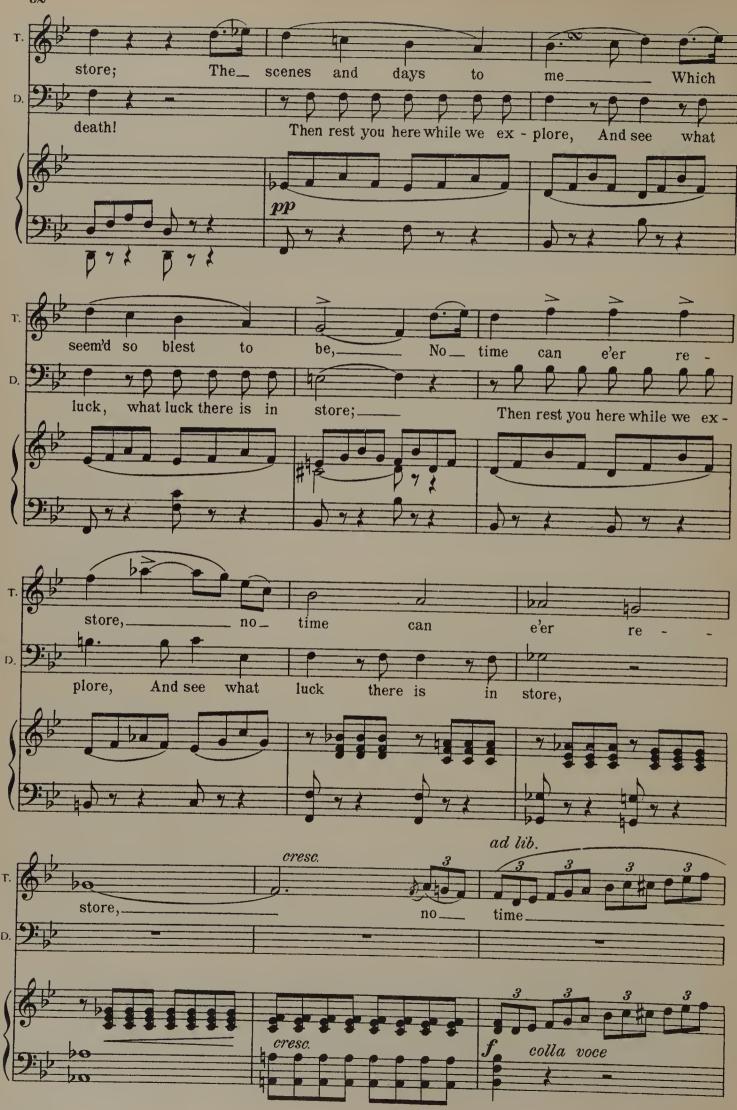


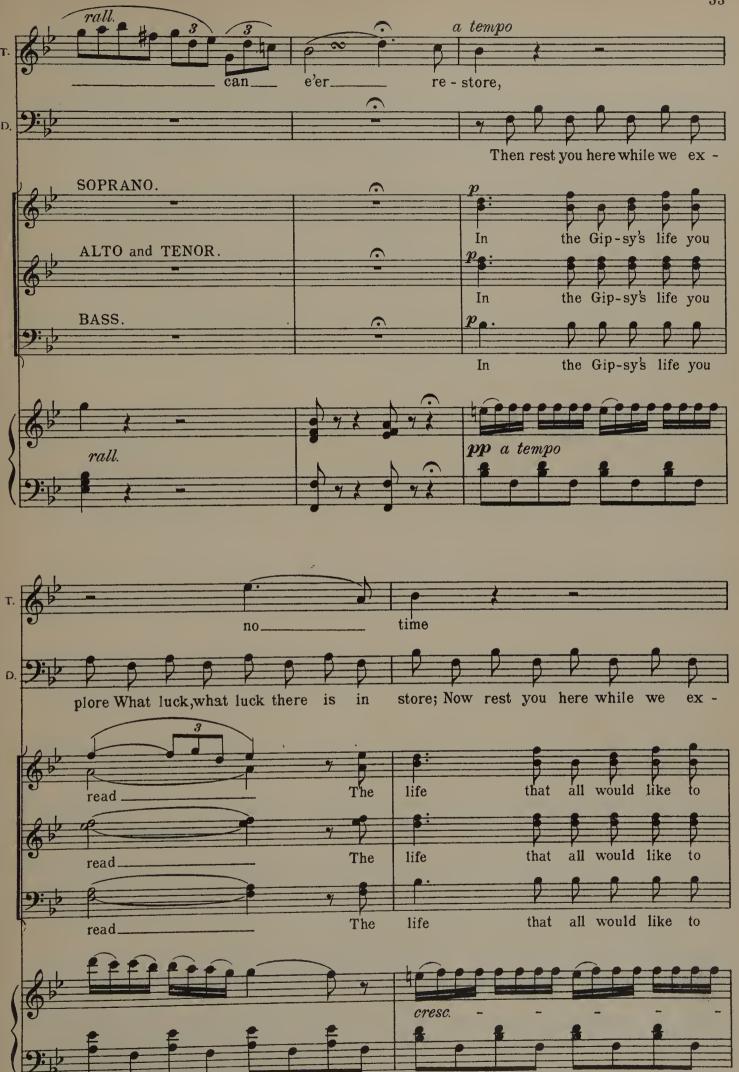


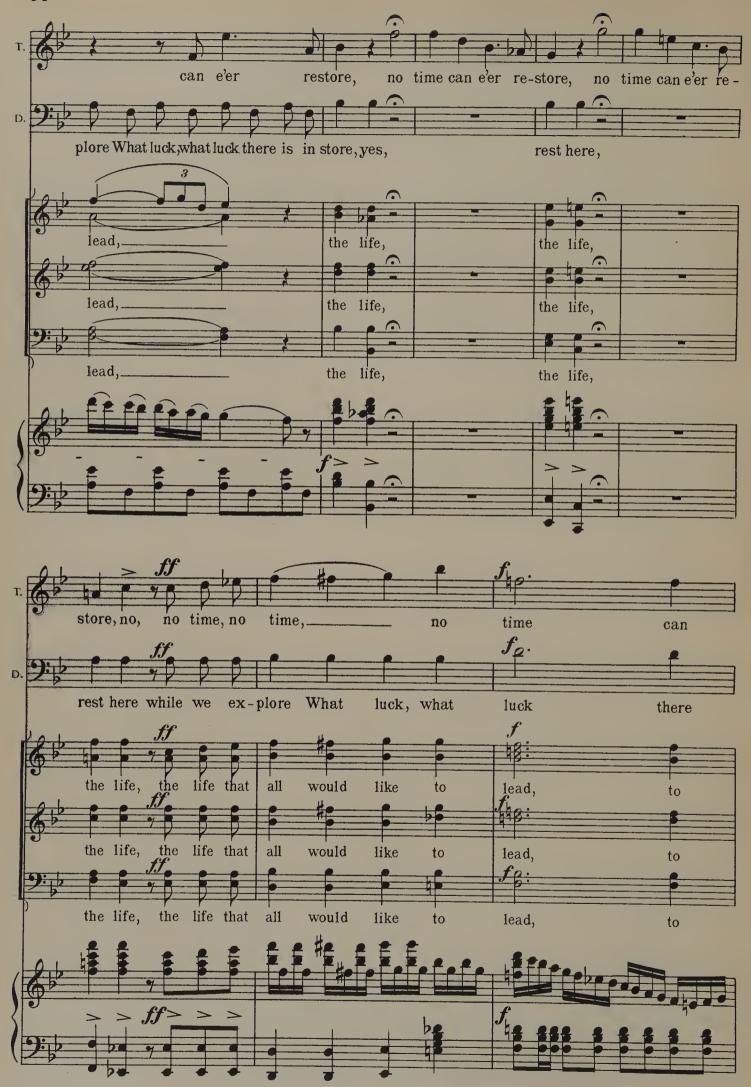




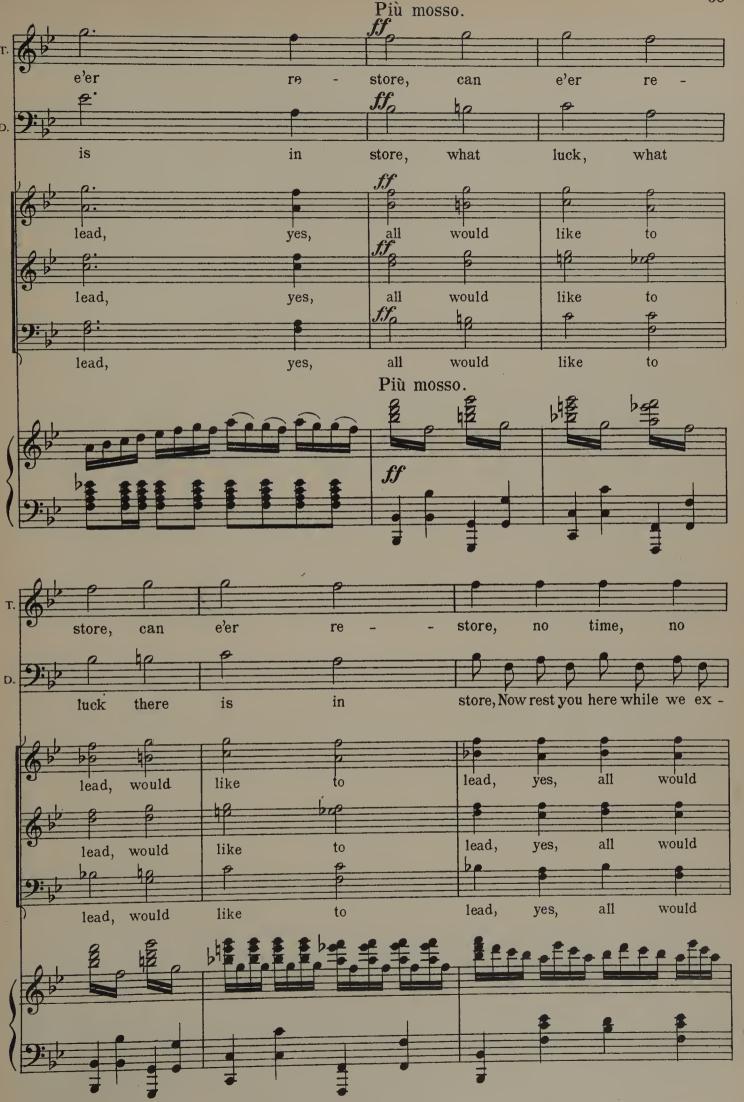


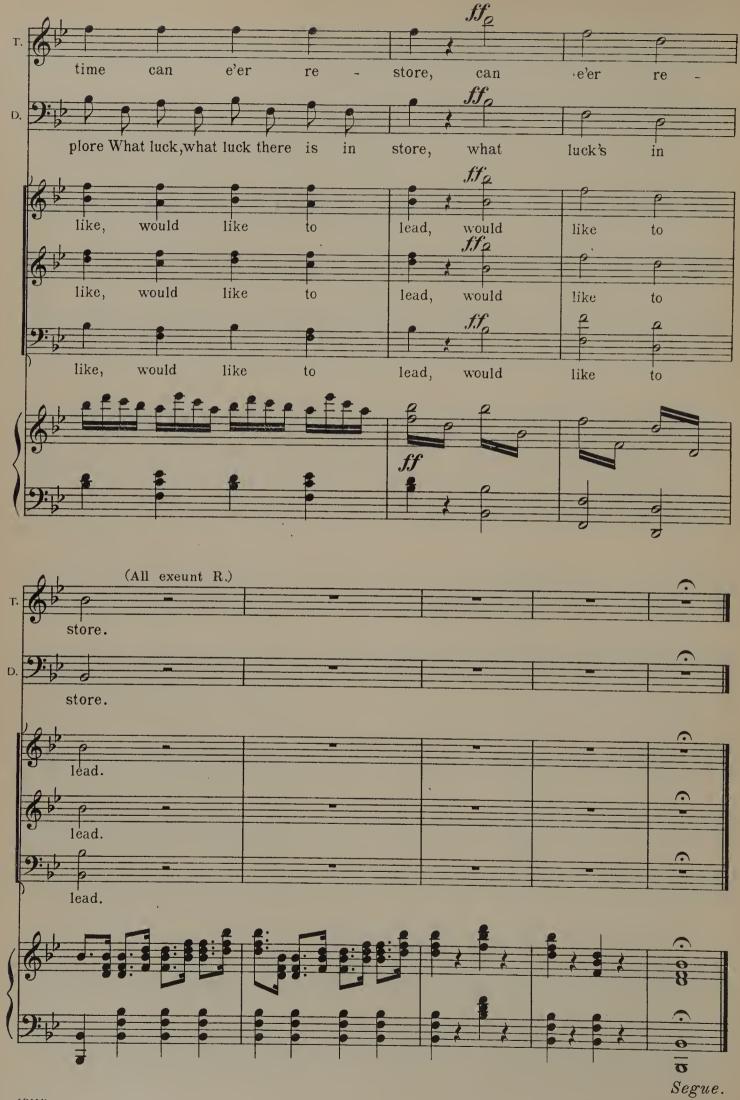




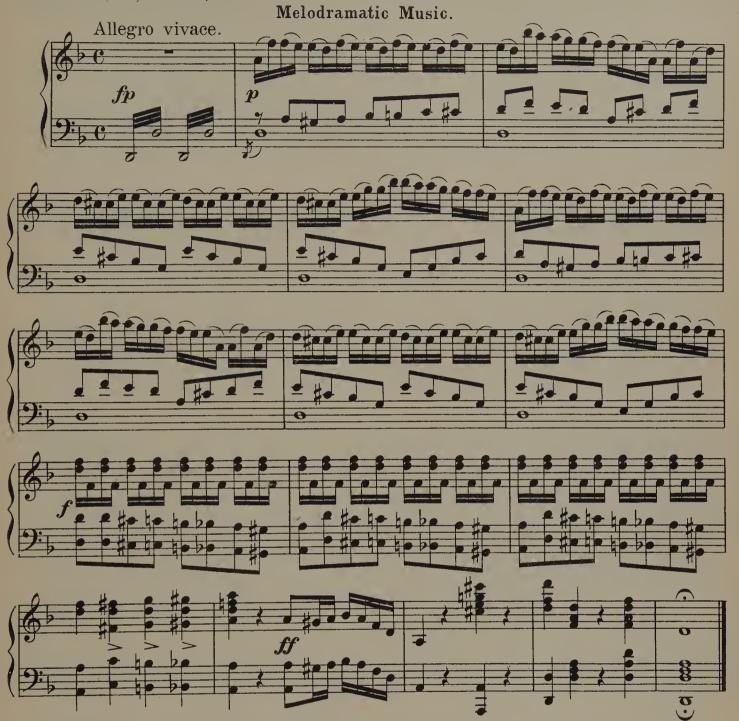








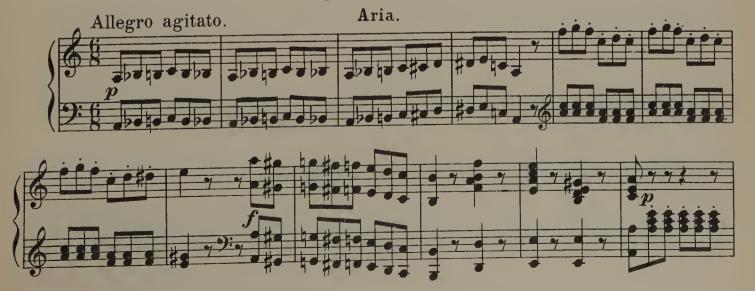
(Loud shouts and alarms are heard, which become more and more distinct, when a body of huntsmen are seen to cross a chasm in the rocks which is bridged by a fallen tree, &c., and exeunt by the path on which Arline, &c., went off.)



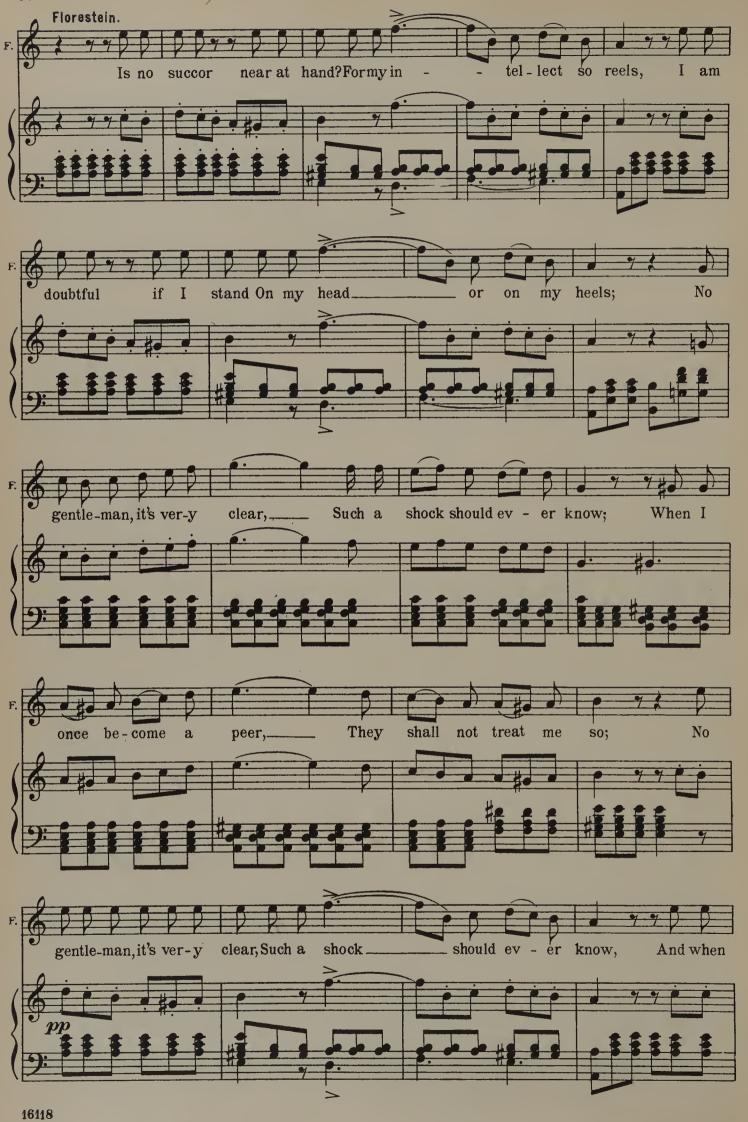
(Alarm's continue, when Florestein rushes in, apparently frightened to death.)

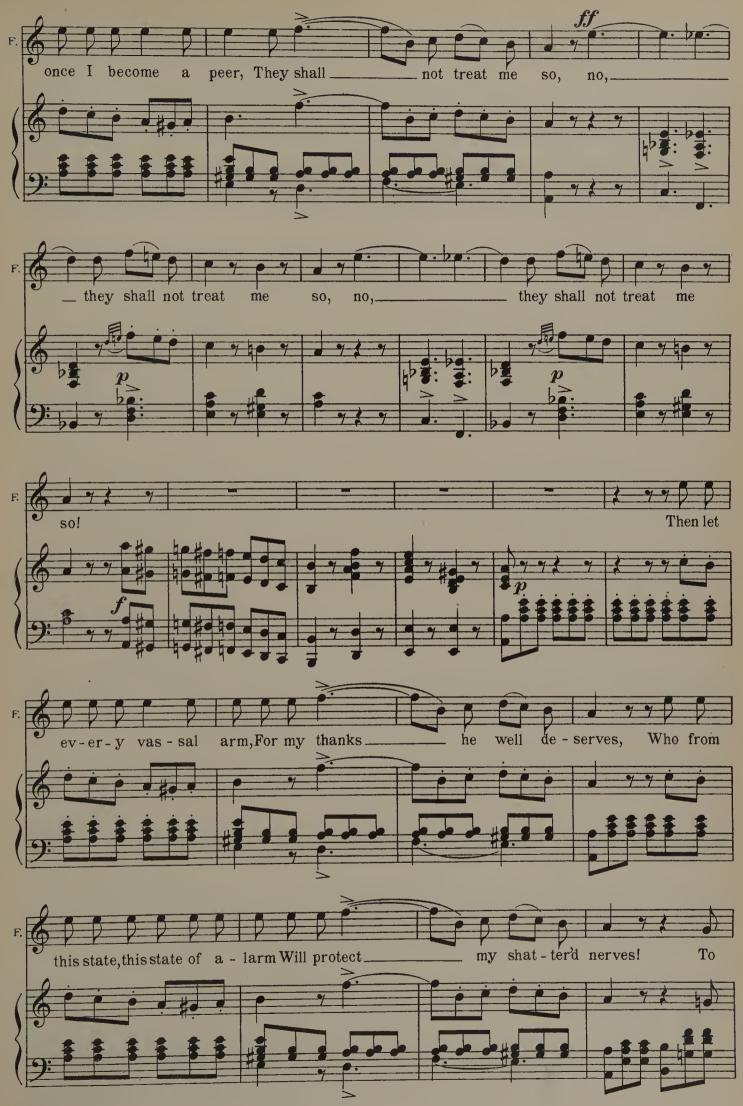
"Is no succor near at hand?"

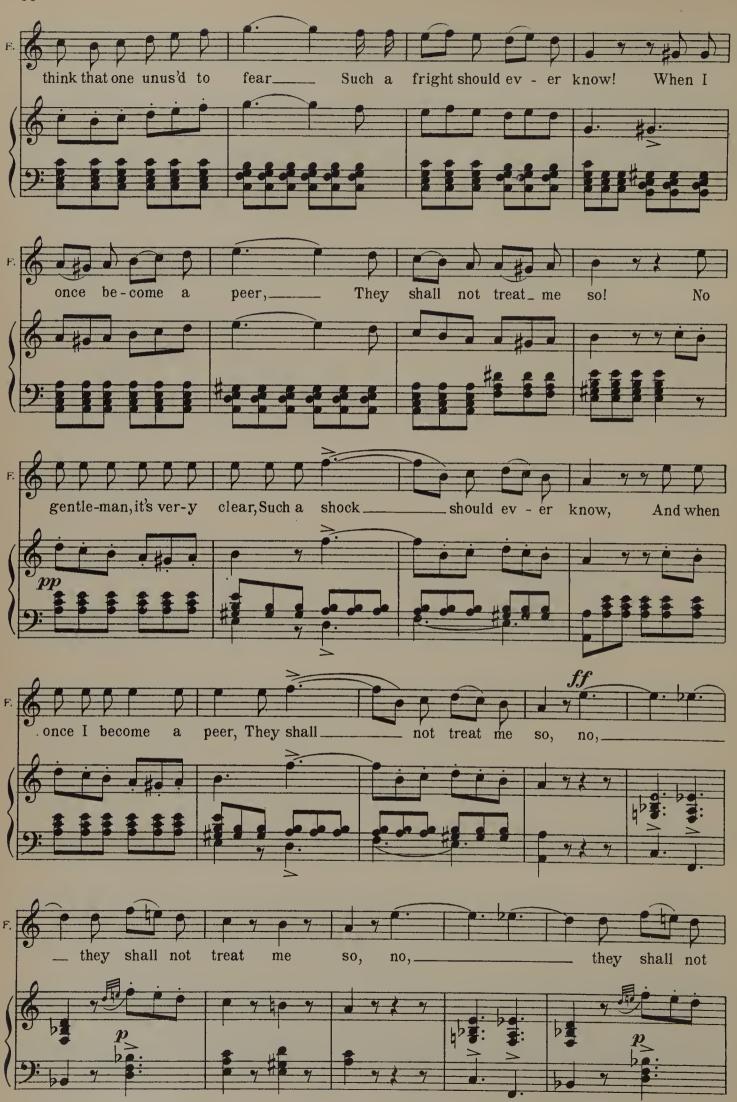
(Original key B minor.)







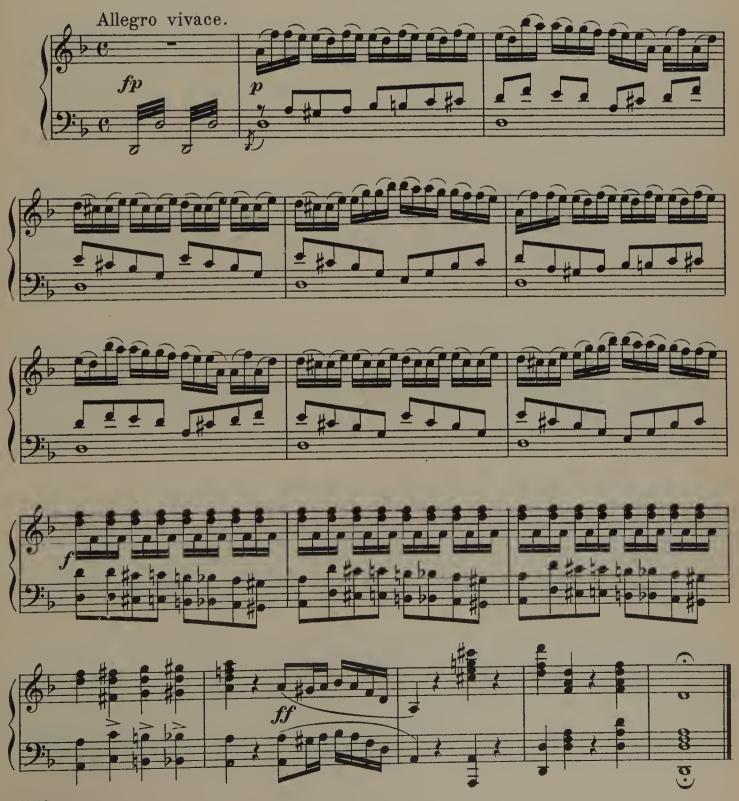






(At the end of song, Thaddeus and Peasantry rush in, the latter evincing the greatest alarm and terror.)

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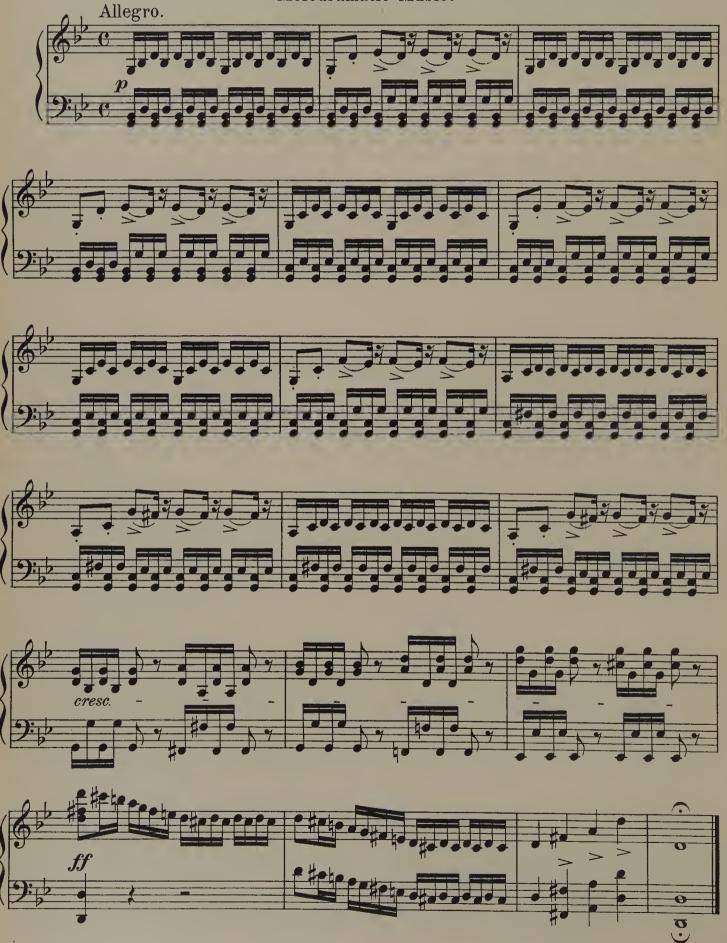
Thaddeus. What means this alarm?

Peasant. The Count's child and her attendant have been attacked by an infuriated animal, and are probably killed ere this! Thaddeus. What do I hear?

[Melodramatic Music begins.]

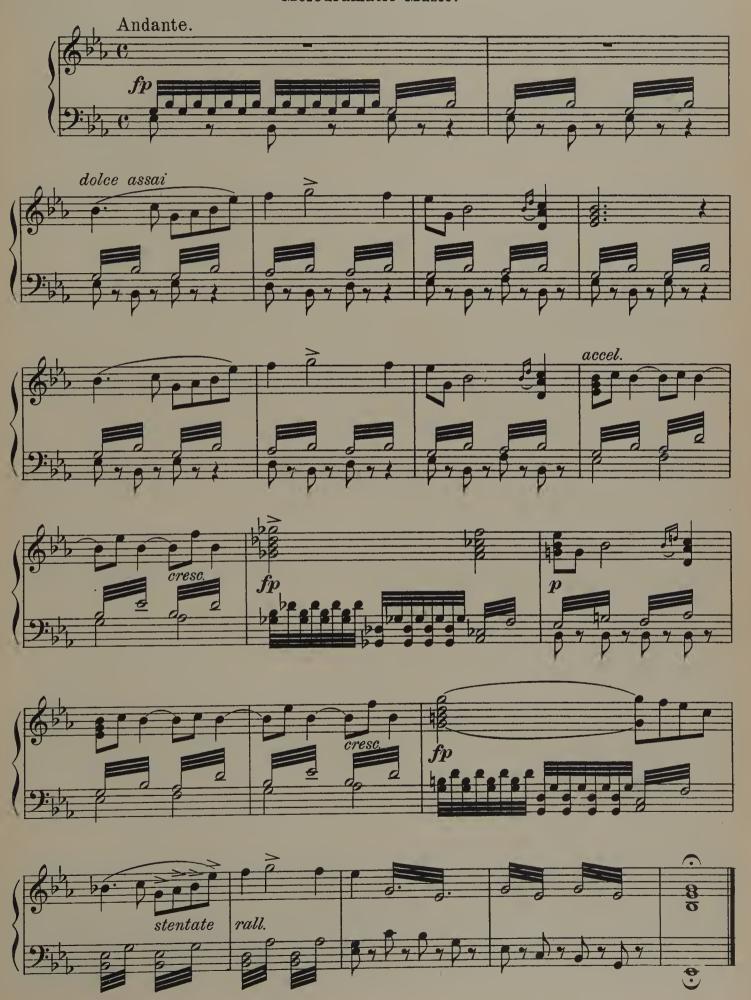
(He perceives the rifle that Florestein has left on the stage, utters an exclamation, seizes it, runs up the rocks, aims, fires, and instantly rushes off. The discharge of the rifle, and the alarm of the Peasantry, bring Count Arnheim and his party to the spot. Devilshoof enters at one side, at the same time, watching.)

Melodramatic Music.



Count. Whence proceed these sounds of fear, and where is my darling child? [Melodramatic Music.] (All maintain a painful silence, when Thaddeus rushes in, conveying Arline, who is wounded in the arm, and seems faint.)

Melodramatic Music.



Buda (falling at the Count's feet). We were pursued by the wild deer they were chasing, and, but for the bravery of this young man (pointing to Thaddeus), the life of your child would have been sacrificed.

Count (clasping his child in his arms). Praised be Providence! her life is saved, for she is all that renders mine happy. (Looking at her arm, then addressing Buda) Let her wound have every attention, though it presents no sign of danger. (Buda goes into the castle with Arline, and Count

Arnheim advances to Thaddeus.)

Stranger, accept the hand of one who, however different from you in station, can never sufficiently thank you for the service you have rendered him.

Devilshoof (aside). First to serve, and then be thanked by the persecutor of his country. The fellow's mad!

Count. I trust you will remain, and join the festivities we are about to indulge in; and 'twillgra-

tify me to hear how I can be useful to you.

Thaddeus. I thank your lordship; but _

Count (to the Nobles). Pray, my friends, join your entreaties to mine.

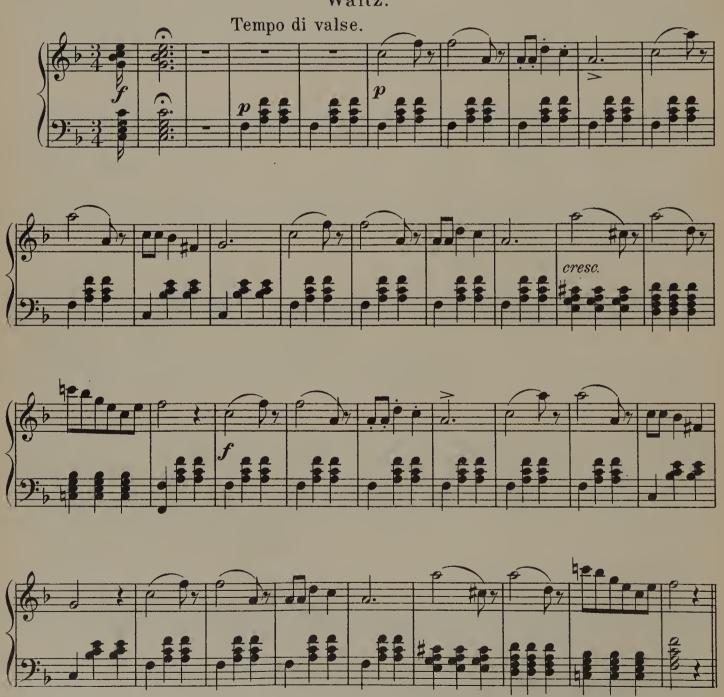
(Here the Nobles all surround the Count and Thaddeus; and Florestein, coming up to him, says—)
Flor. I am extremely obliged to you for not shooting me as well as my little cousin—and I beg you'll—aw—stay—(aside) A very common sort of personage, apparently.

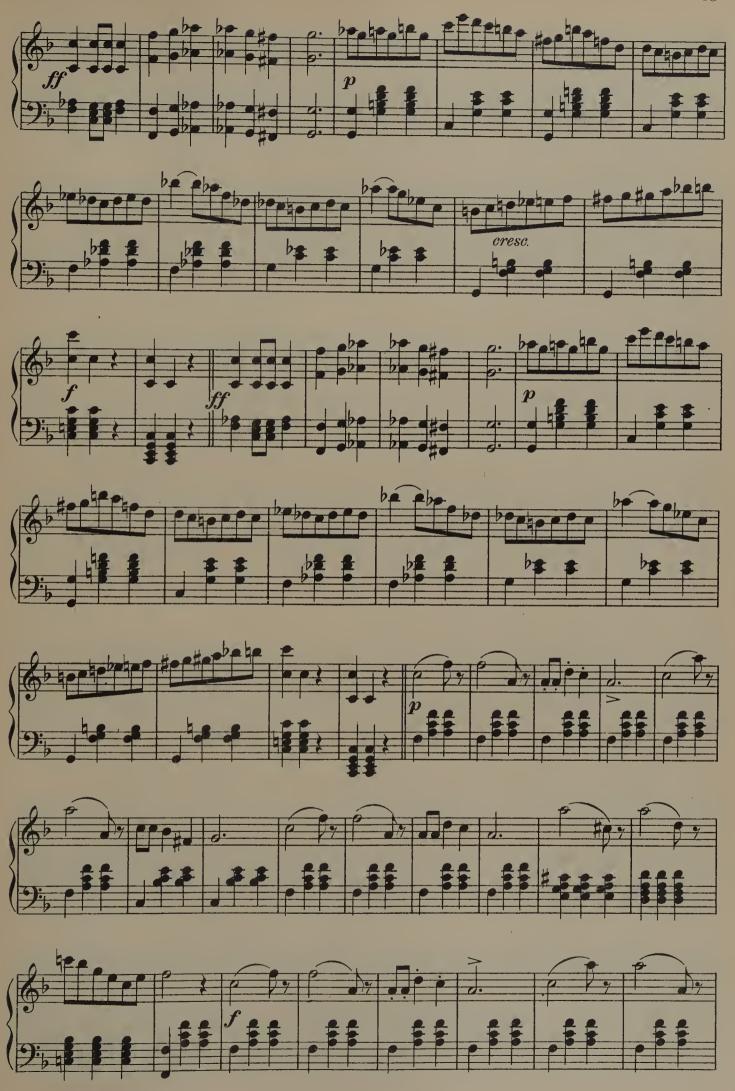
Thad. (to the Count). Be it as your lordship

wishes.

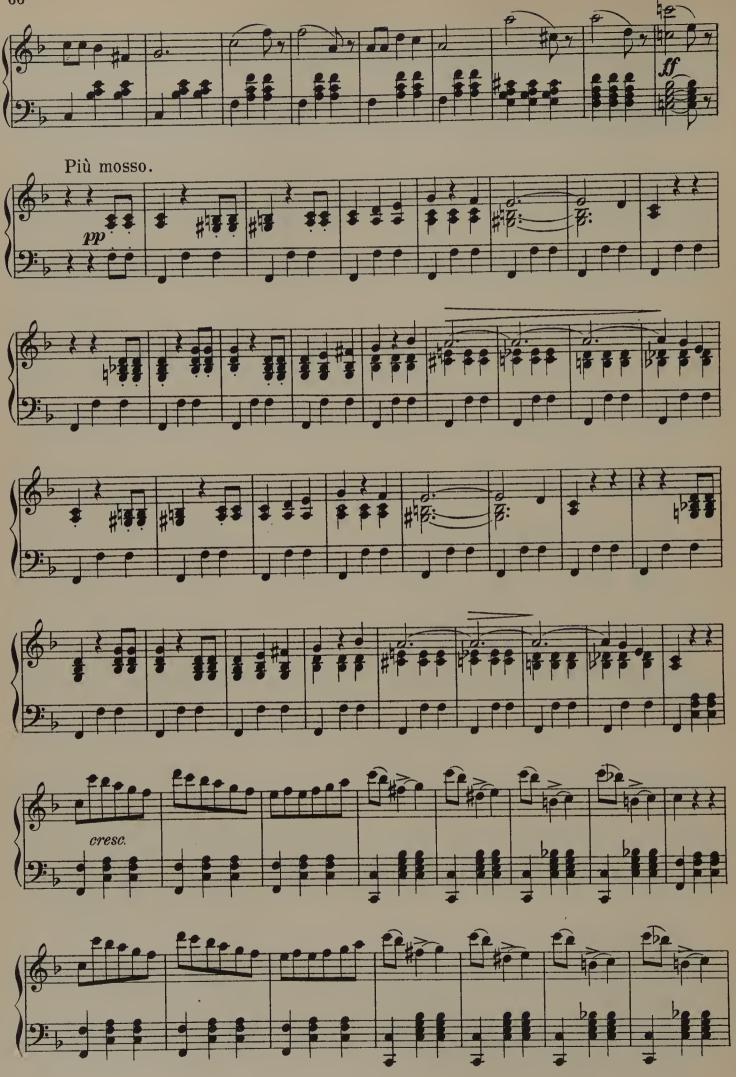
Count. Then be seated, friends, and let the fête begin. (They all seat themselves at the tables which have previously been laid opposite the Castle. Thaddeus takes his seat at the farther end, Florestein occupying a prominent position. When they are seated, a variety of dances are introduced, during which Buda is seen at one of the windows holding on her knee the child, whose arm is bound up. At the termination of the dancing, the Count rises.)

Waltz.











Count (rising). I ask you to pledge but once, and that is, to the health and long life to your Emperor.

(Here the guests fill their glasses, rise, and turning towards the statue of the Emperor, drink, while the Peasantry surround it respectfully. Thaddeus alone keeps his seat, on perceiving which, Florestein goes up to the Count and points it out to him.)

Florestein. Your new acquaintance, my dear uncle, is not overburdened with politeness or loyalty, for he neither fills his glass, nor fulfils your wishes.

Count (filling a glass and going up to Thaddeus). I challenge you to empty this to the health of our Emperor.

Thaddeus (taking the glass). I accept the challenge, and thus I empty the goblet.

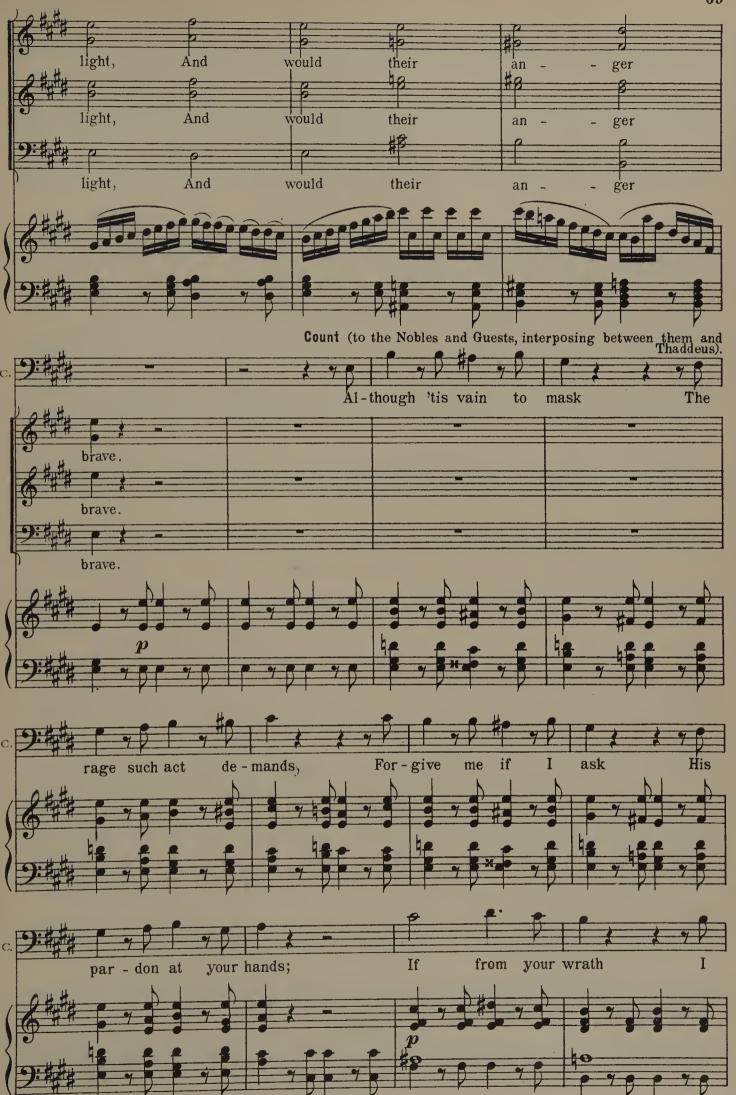
(Goes up to the statue and throws down the glass with the utmost contempt. A general burst of indignation follows.)

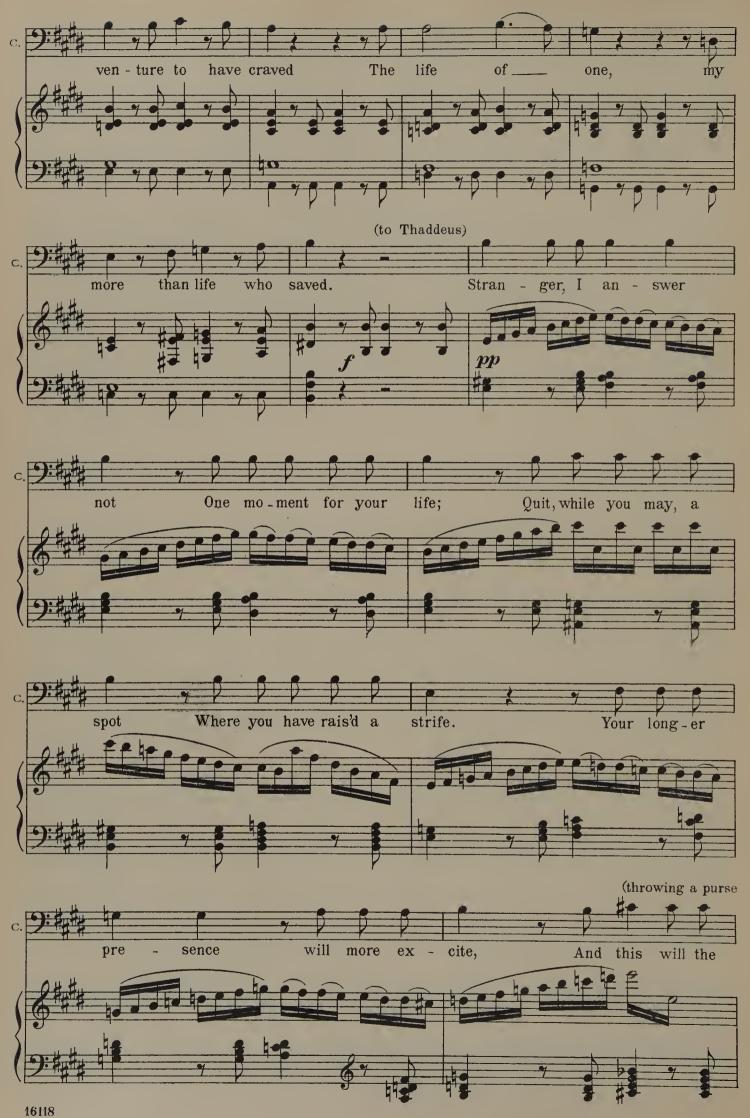
Chorus of Guests, who rise, draw their swords, and rush towards Thaddeus.

"Down with the daring slave."

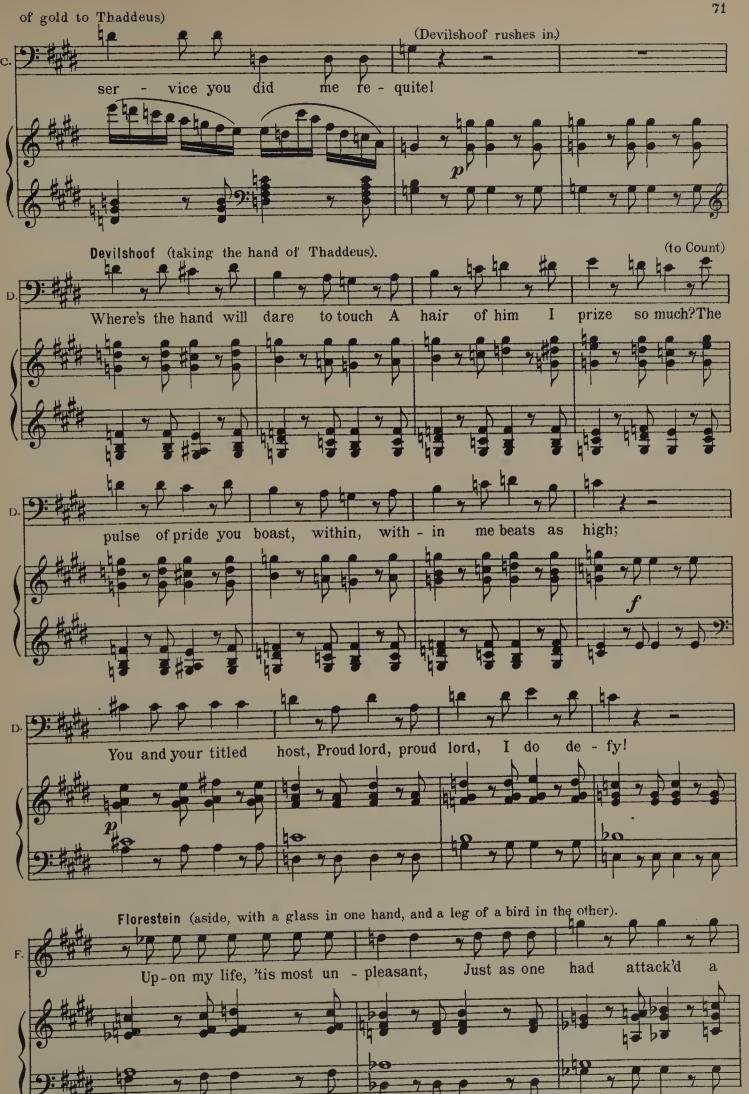
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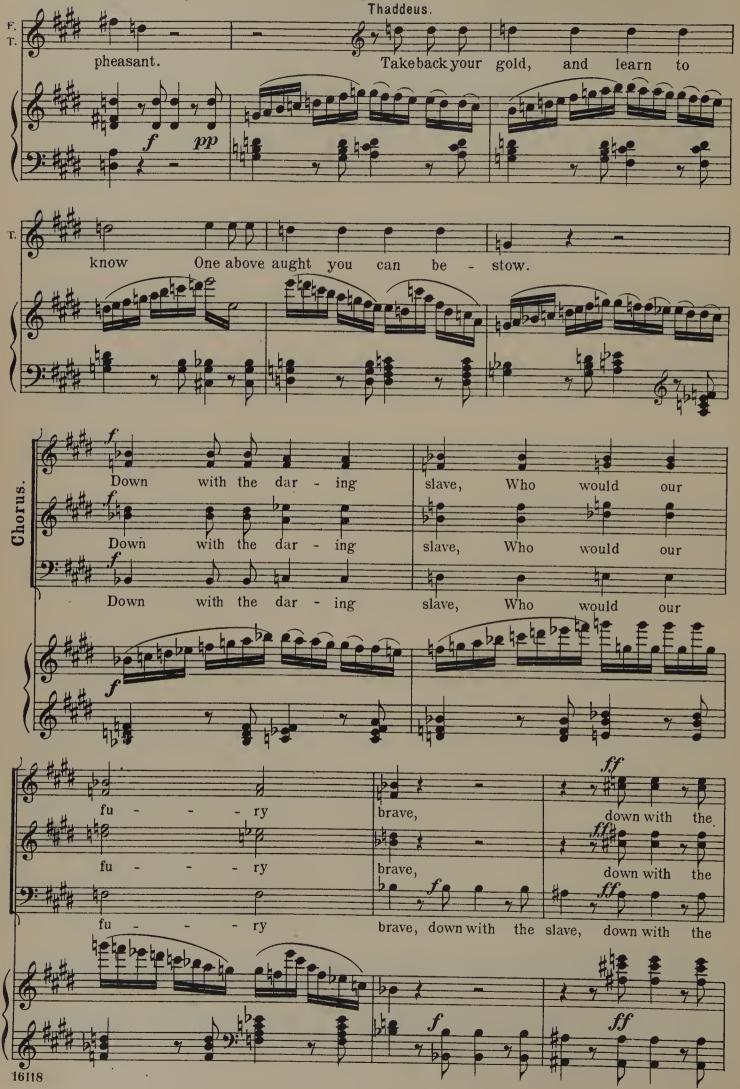




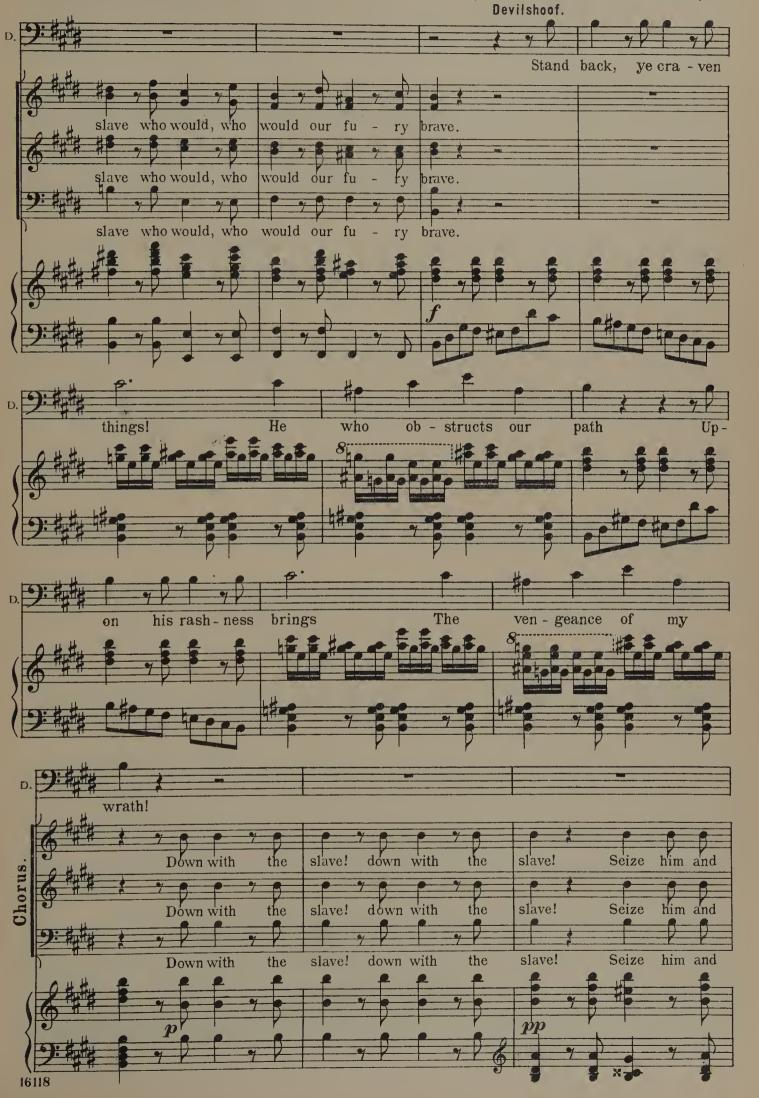


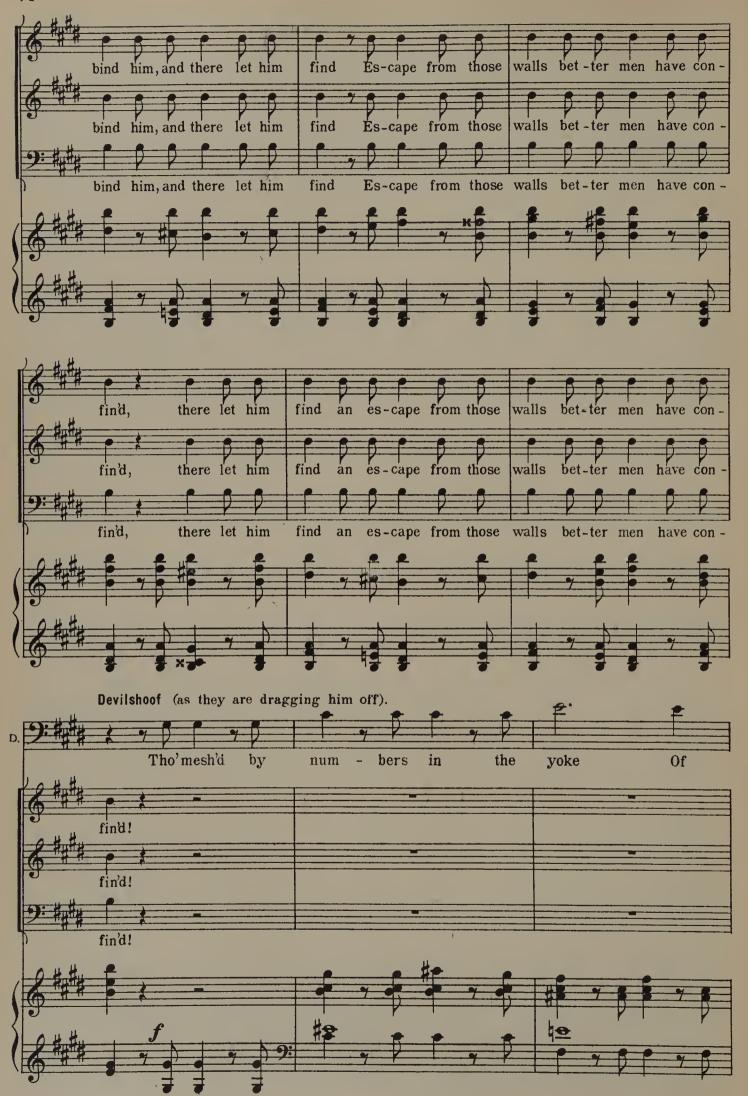
(Thaddeus, who has taken up the purse, and seeing himself and Devilshoof surrounded by the Nobles and Guests, throws the purse at the Count's feet.)

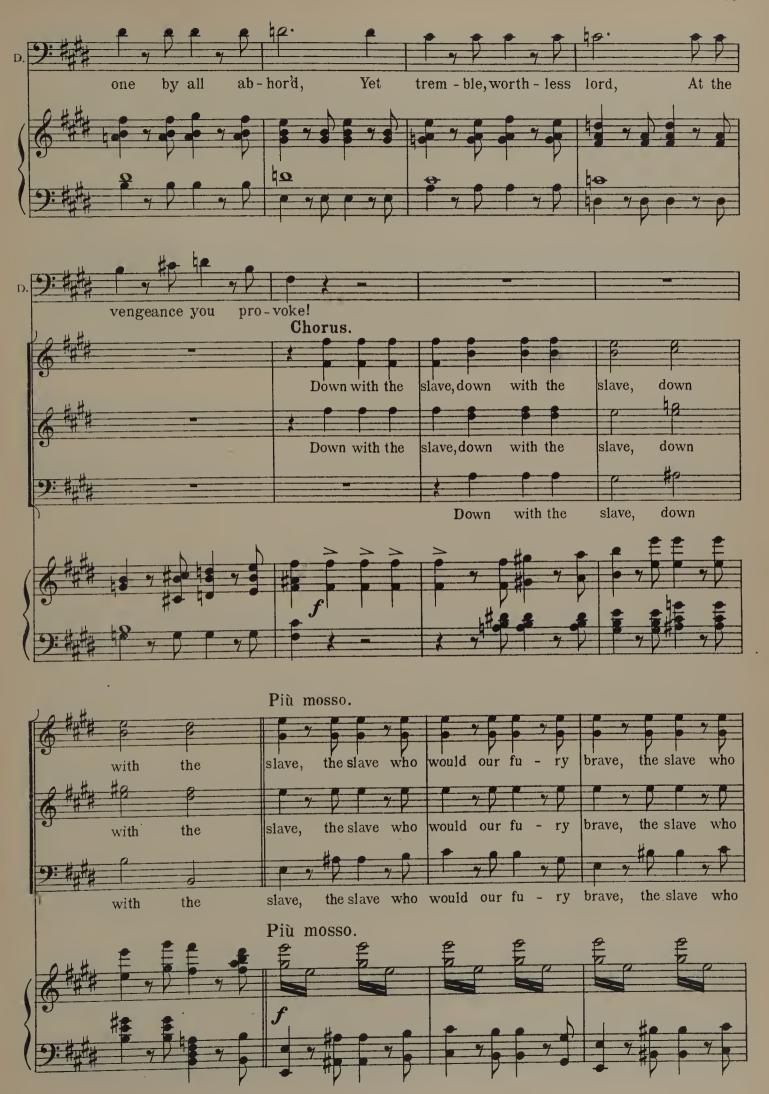
Thaddeus

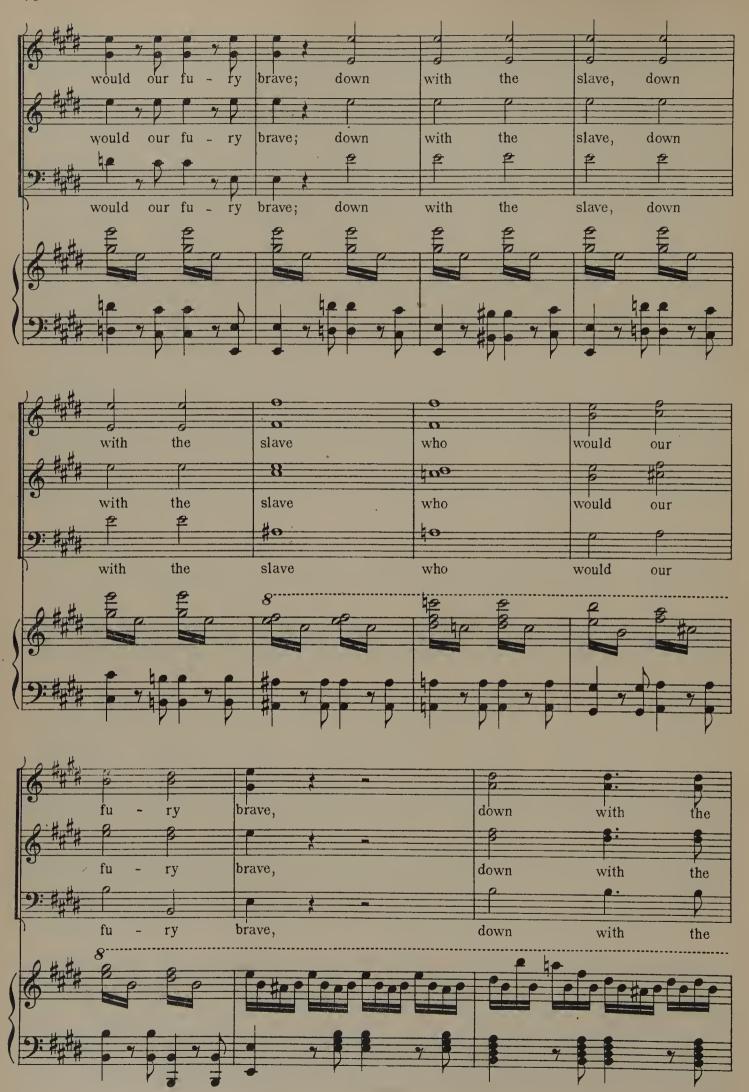


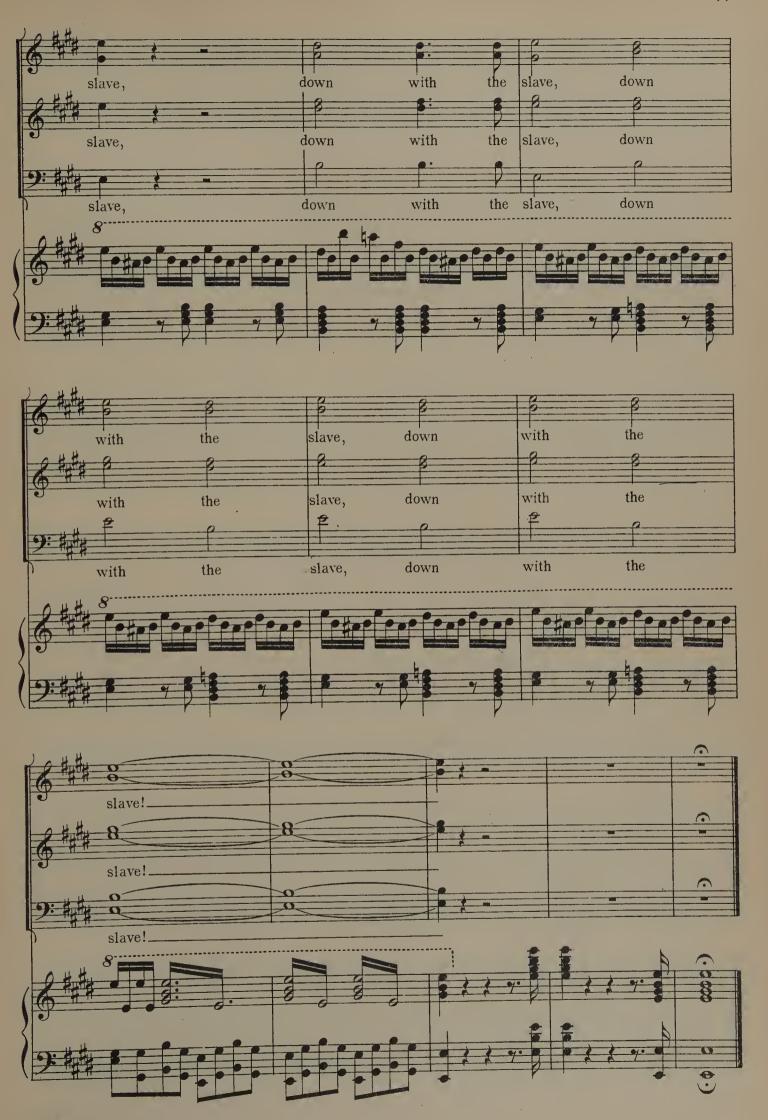
(Devilshoof, defending Thaddeus, retreats, pressed upon by the nobles, guests, &c., when the count orders a party of his retainers to divide them; they seize Devilshoof, and take him towards the Castle.)



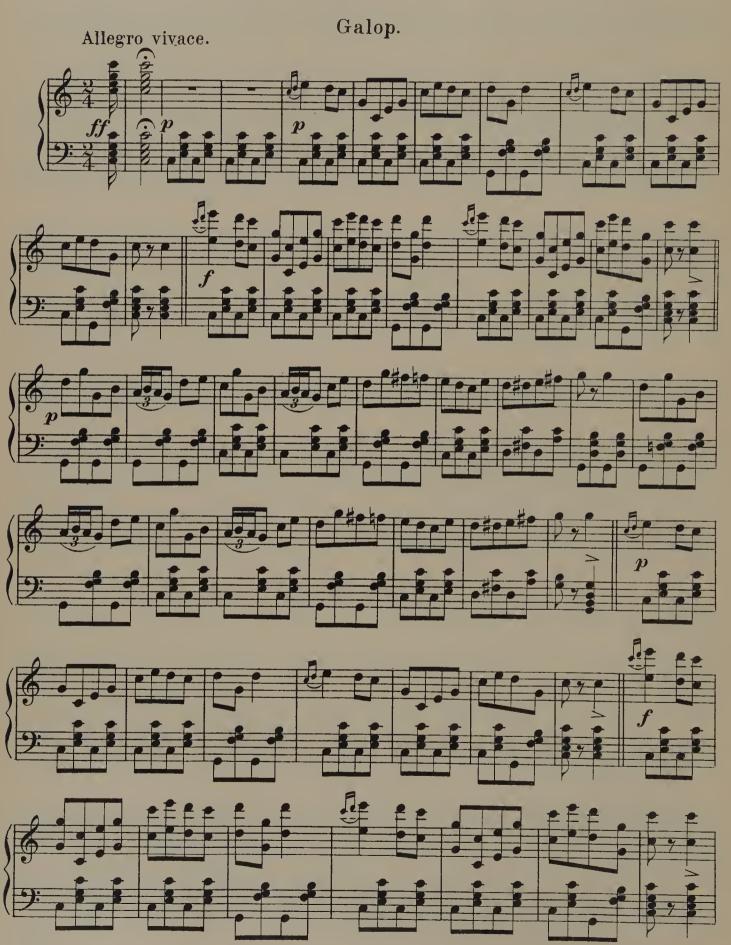




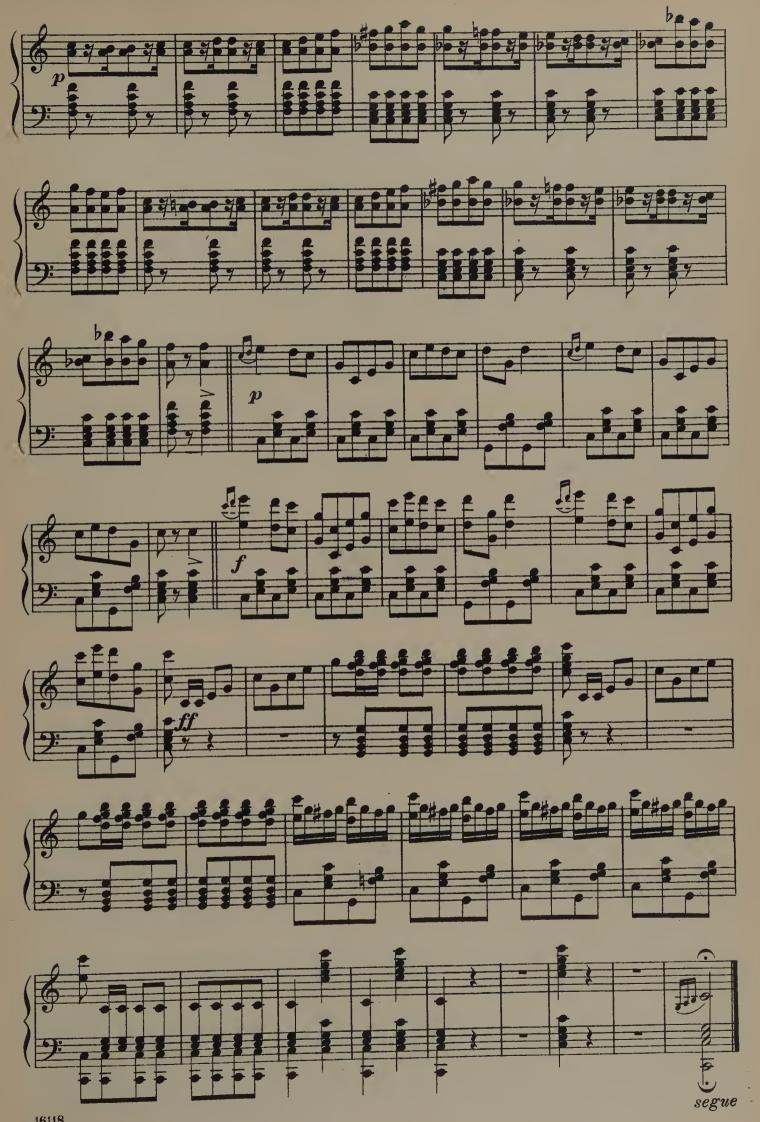




(Devilshoof is dragged off into the eastle; the Count, Nobles, etc., reseat themselves, when other dances are introduced, and the festival continues. Buda is seen to leave the window at which she has been seated with Arline, and she enters and converses with the Count. In the midst of the most joyous movements of the dance, Devilshoof is seen descending from the roof of the eastle, until he reaches the window of Arline's chamber, into which he enters, and seizing Arline, continues his descent and steals off towards the rocks in the rear. Buda then enters the eastle, and in a minute afterwards the festivities are interrupted by violent shrieking; the window is thrown open, and Buda, pale, and with dishevelled hair, signifies by her gestures that Arline has disappeared.)

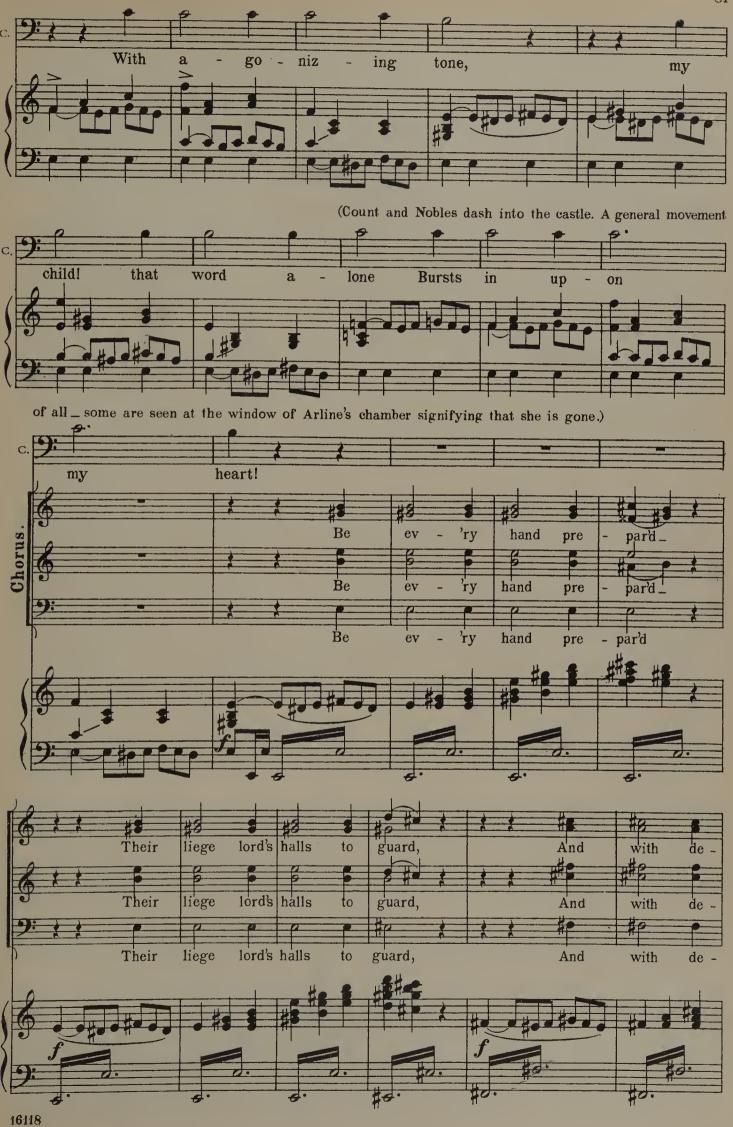


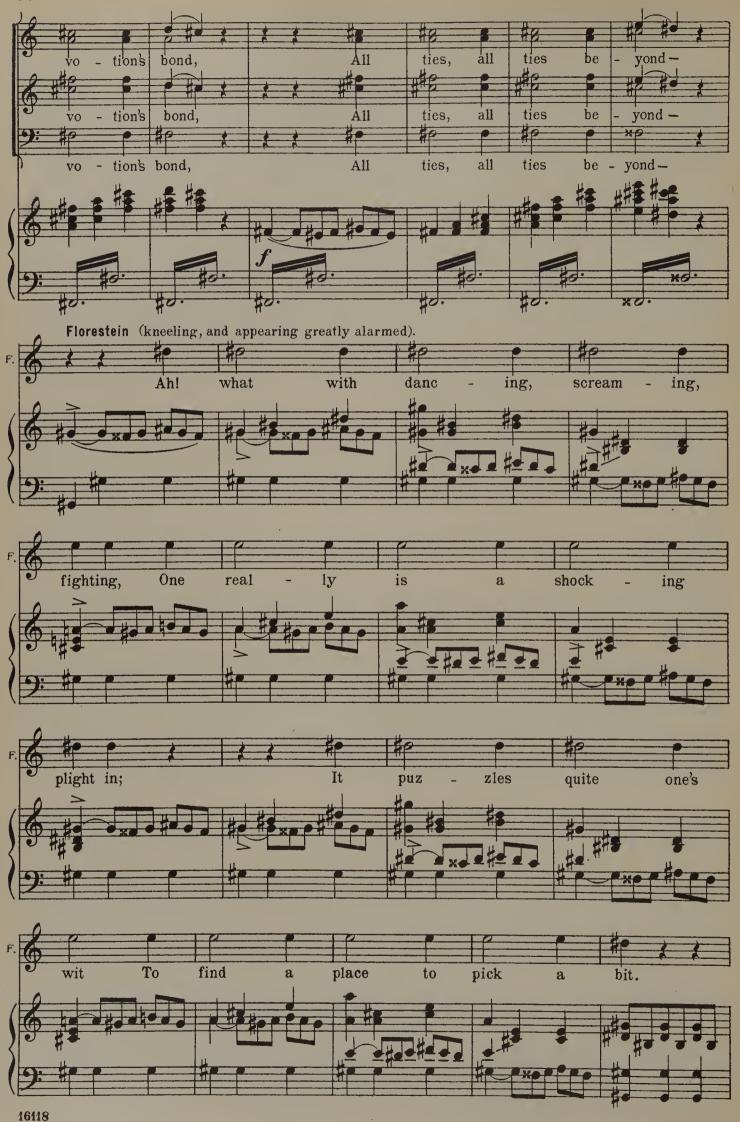




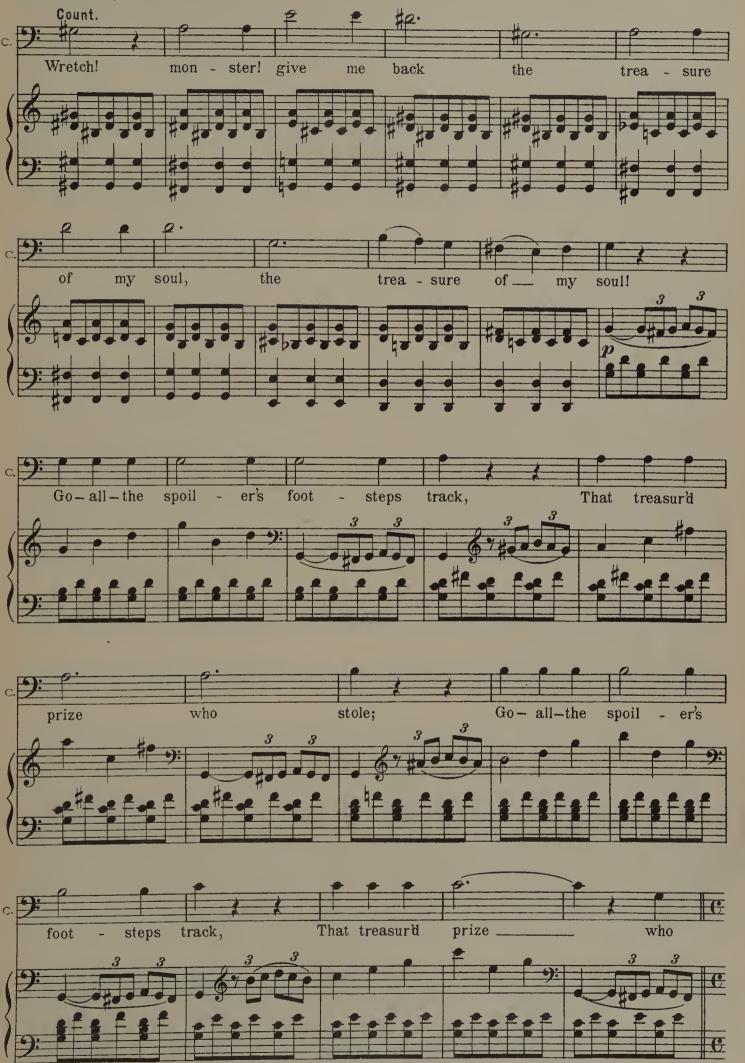
"What sounds break on the ear?"







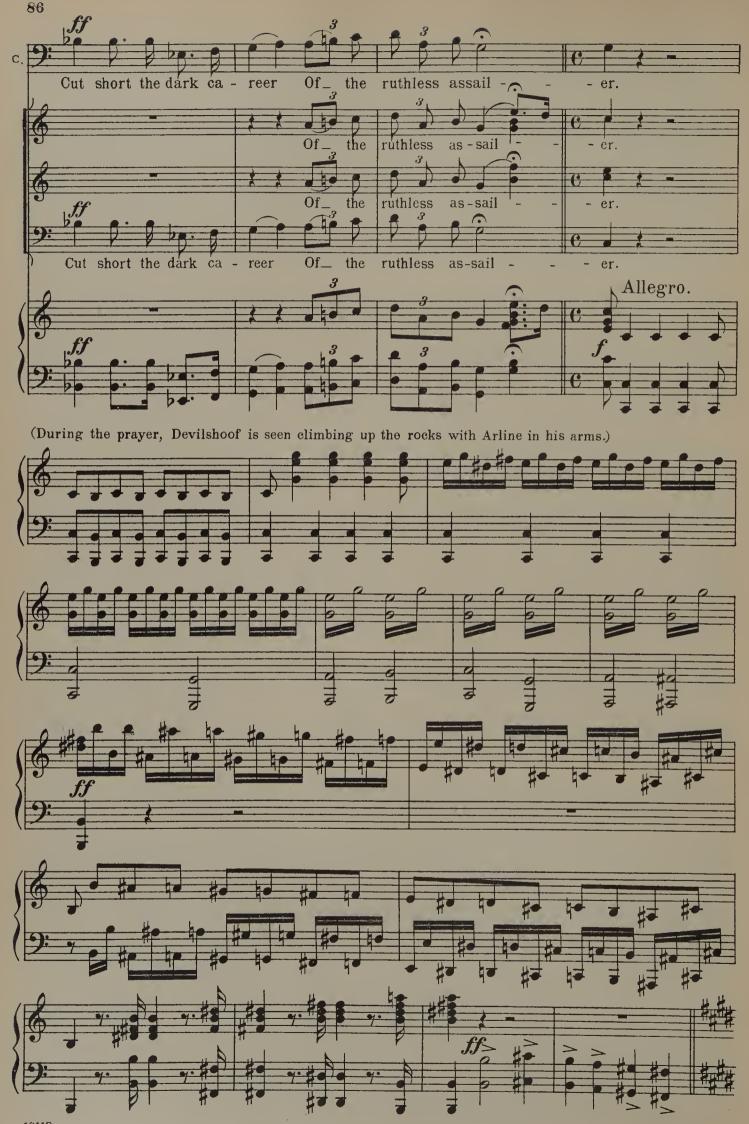
(The Count rushes from the castle, dragging Buda and followed by Nobles. Buda, trembling, falls on her knees.)





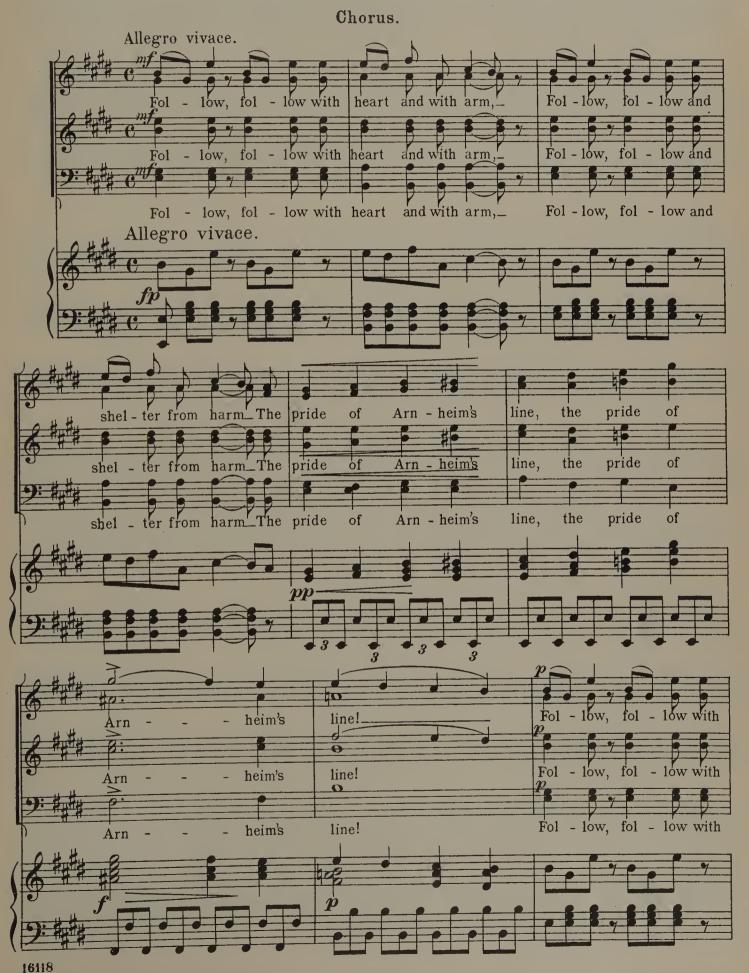


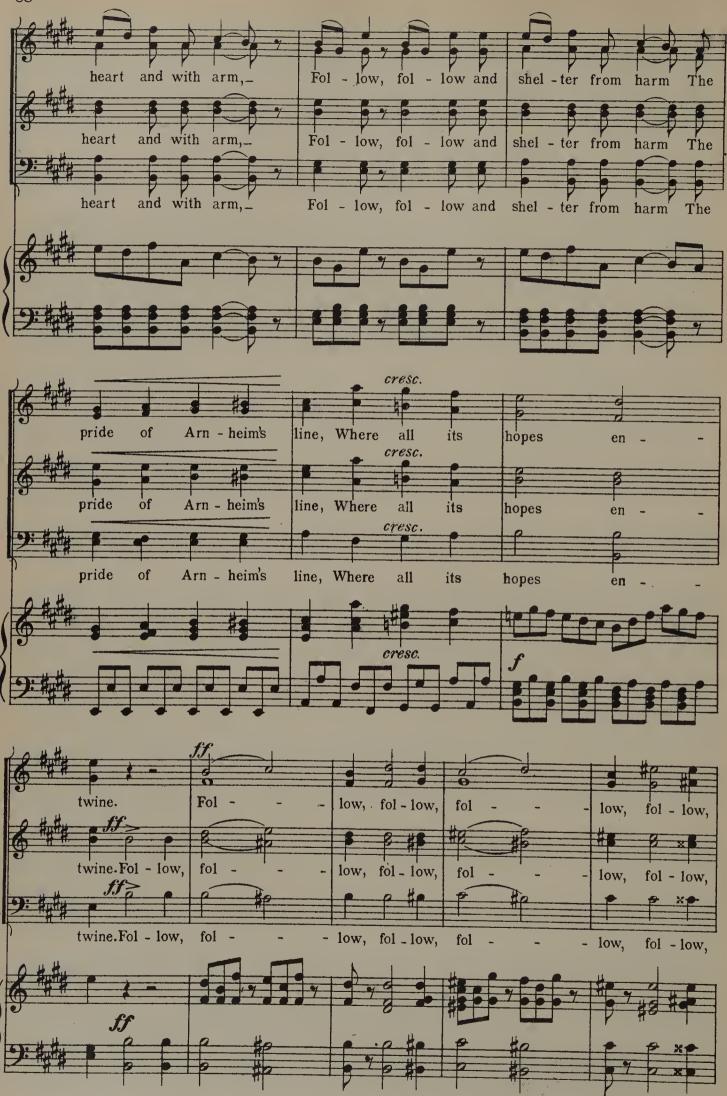


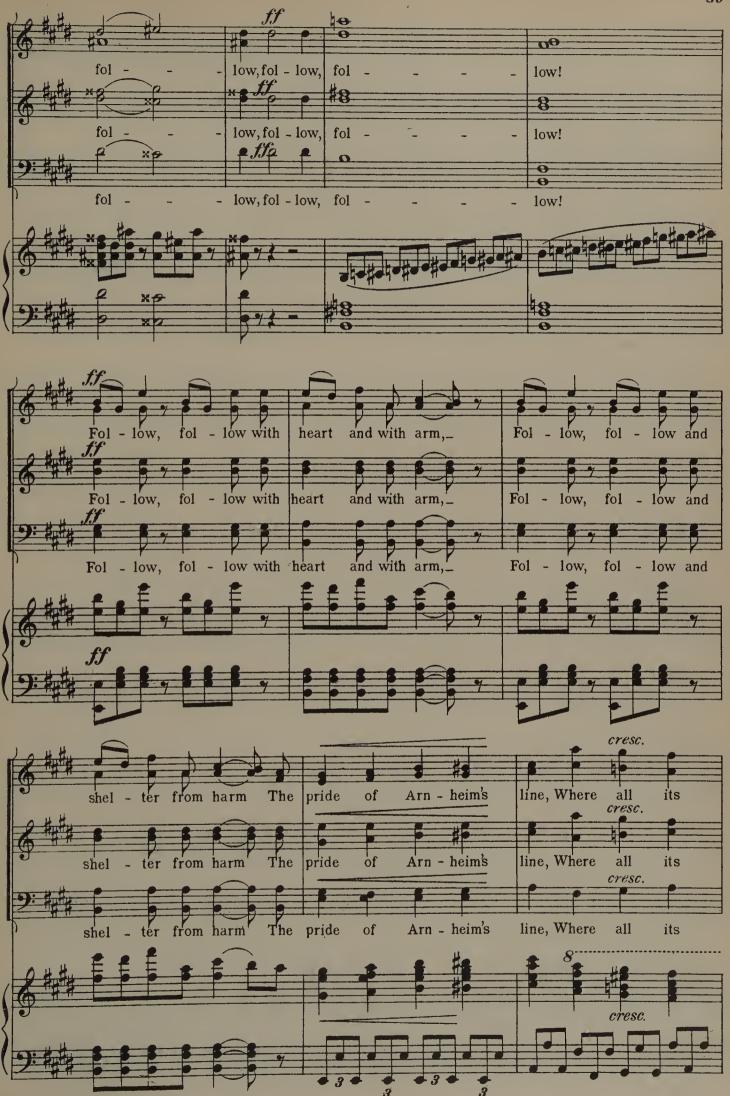


(At the most animated part of the Chorus, bodies of Gentry, Retainers, Servants, &c., are seen rushing towards the rocks, and over every part, in pursuit of Devilshoof, who, perceiving his situation, knocks away, the moment he has crossed it, the trunk of the tree which serves as a bridge between the two rocks, and thus bars their passage. Count Arnheim in his distraction is about to throw himself into the gulf—he is held back by attendants, into whose arms he falls senseless. Some are in attitude of prayer—others menace Devilshoof, who, folding Arline in his large cloak, disappears in the depths of the forest.

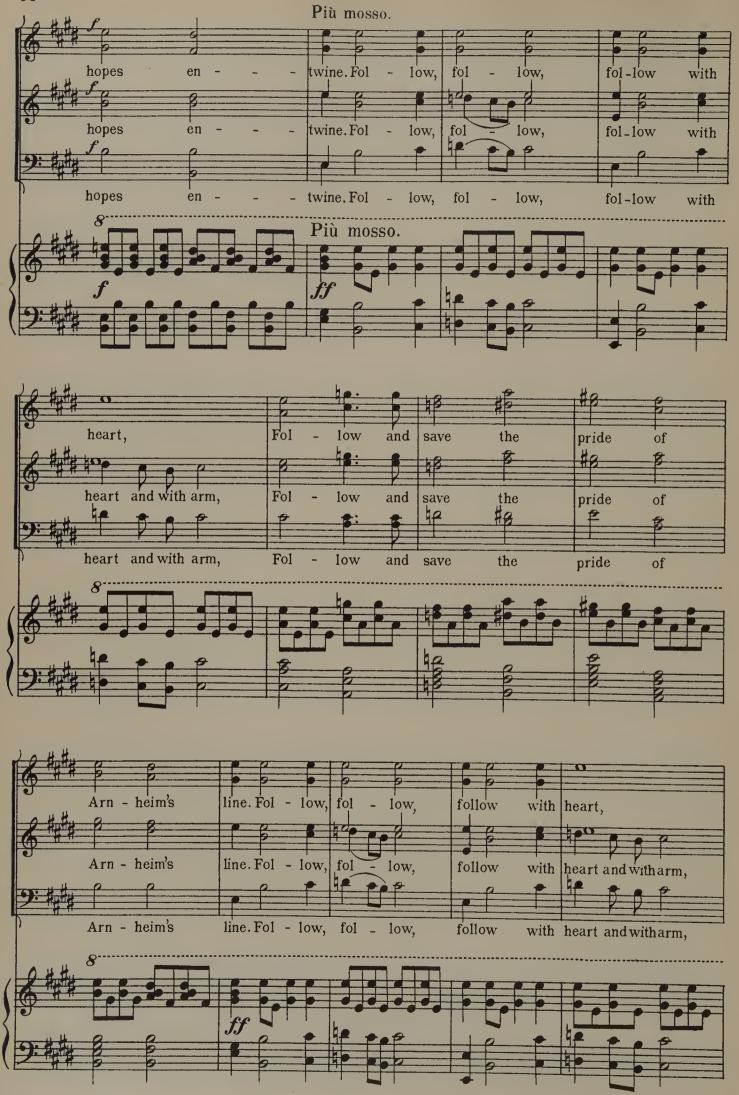
"Follow, follow with heart and with arm."

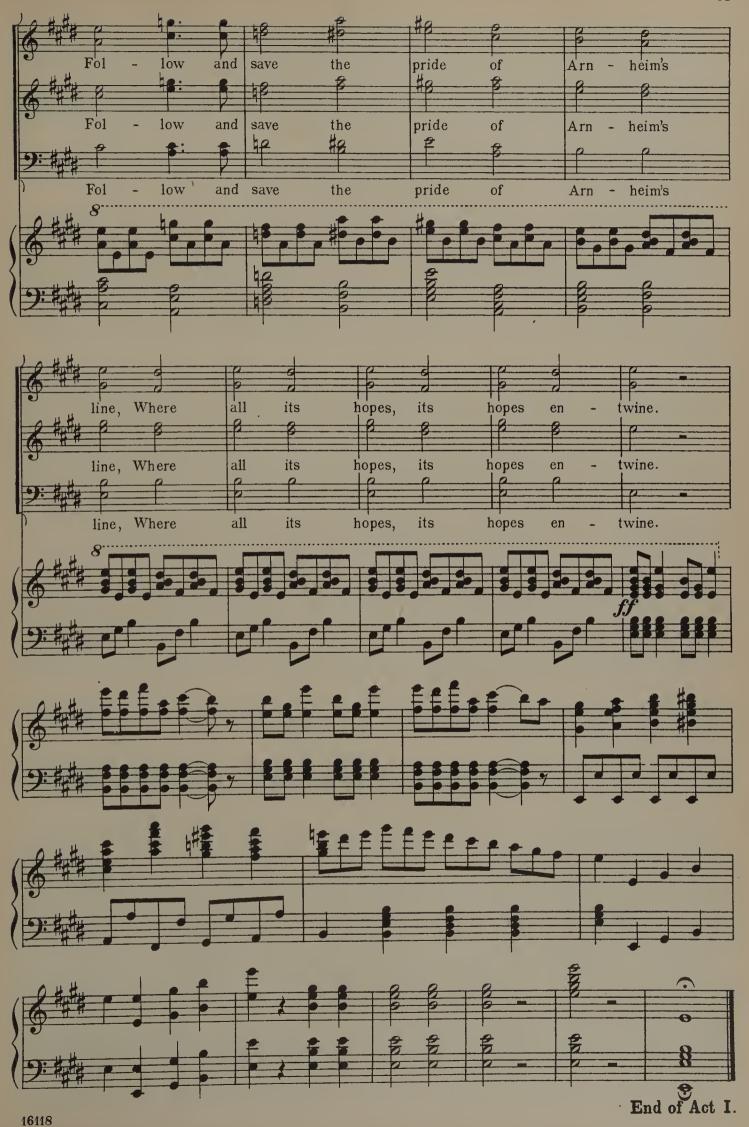










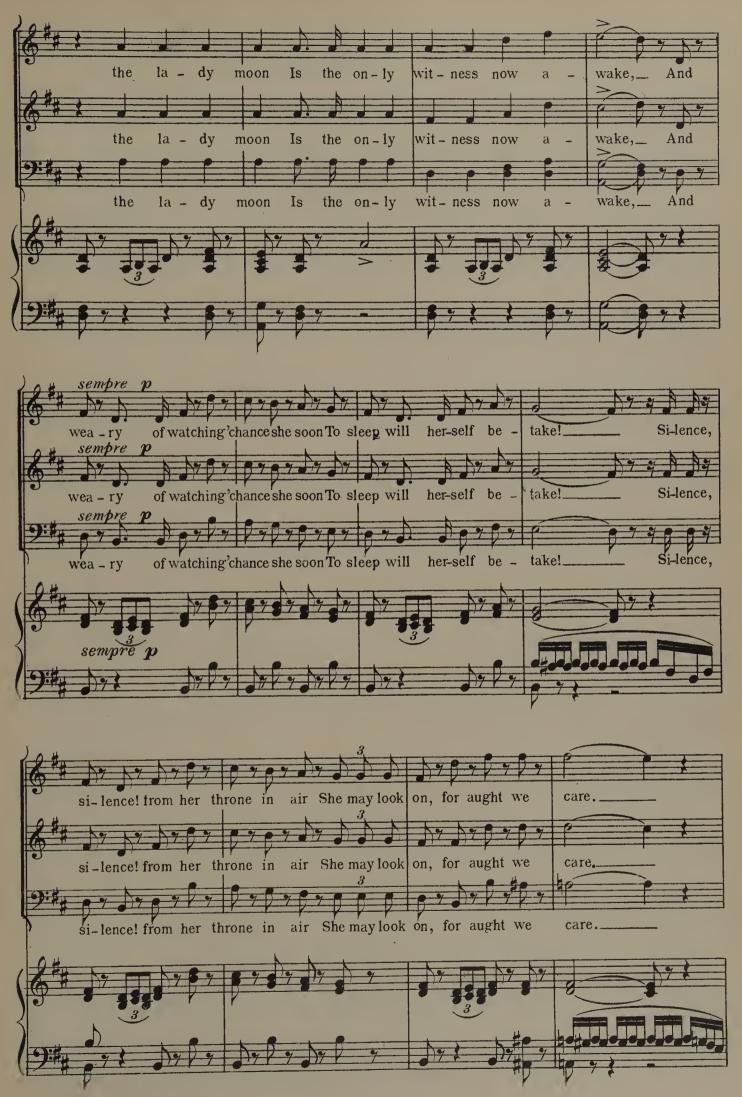


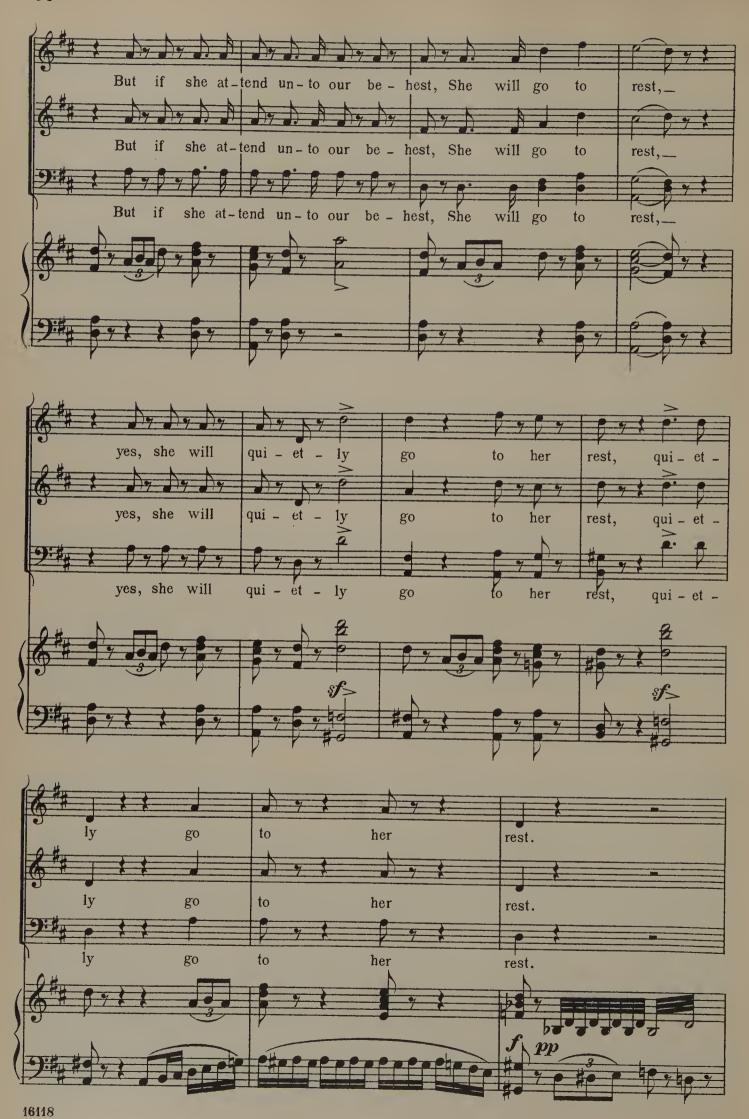
Note. - Twelve years are supposed to elapse between the First and Second Acts.

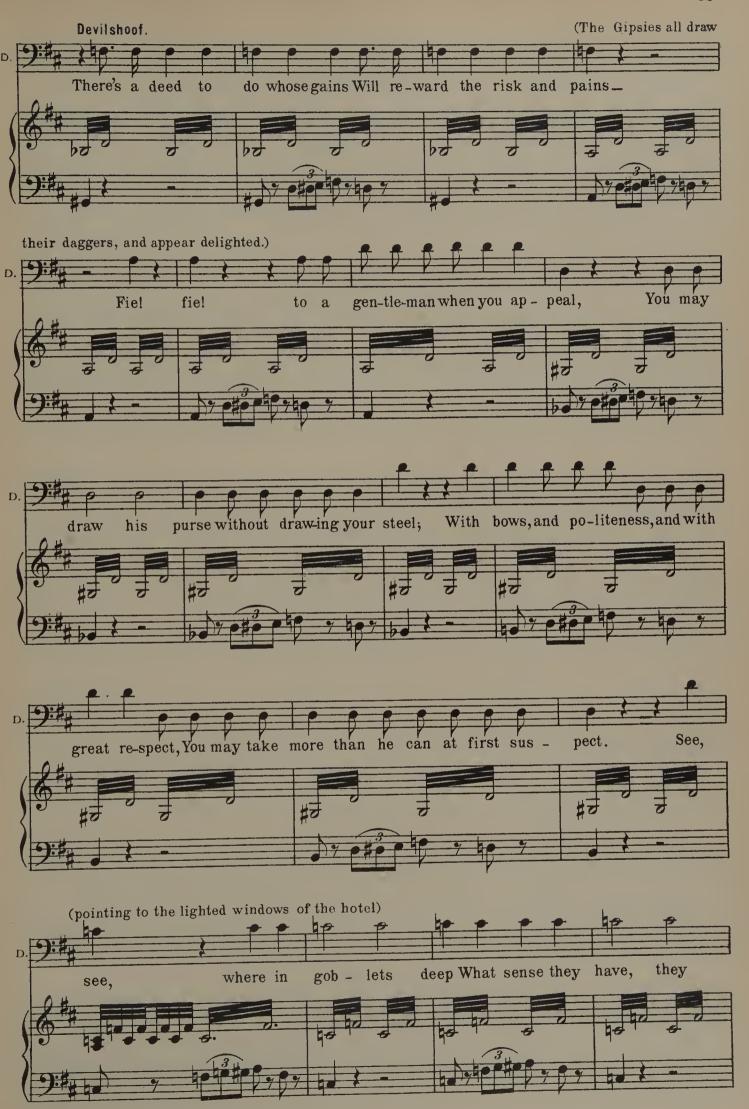
Scene I. Street in Presburg, by moonlight. Tent of the Queen of the Gipsies, large curtains at the back; it is lighted by a lamp. On the opposite side of the stage are houses, one of which, an hotel, is lighted up. Arline is discovered asleep on a tiger's skin; Thaddeus is watching over her. As the curtain rises, a patrol of the city guard marches by, and as soon as they are gone off, Devilshoof and a party of Gipsies, wrapped in cloaks, suddenly appear.

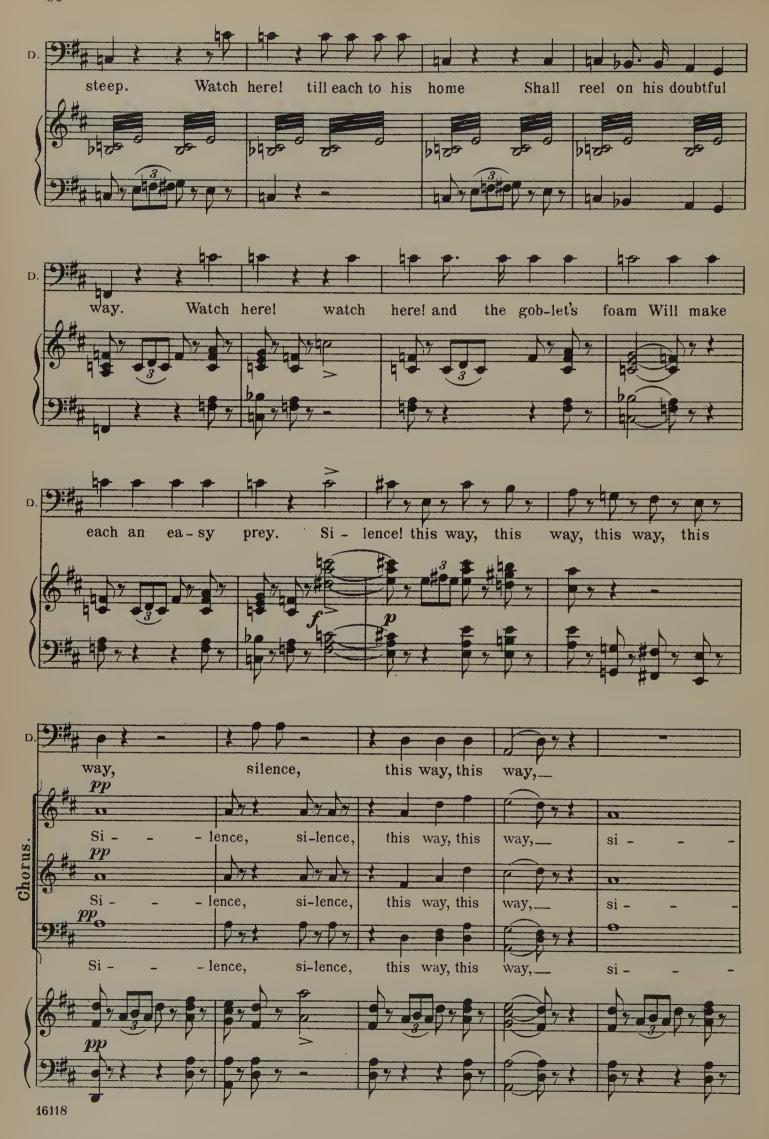
"Silence, the Lady Moon." Introduction.

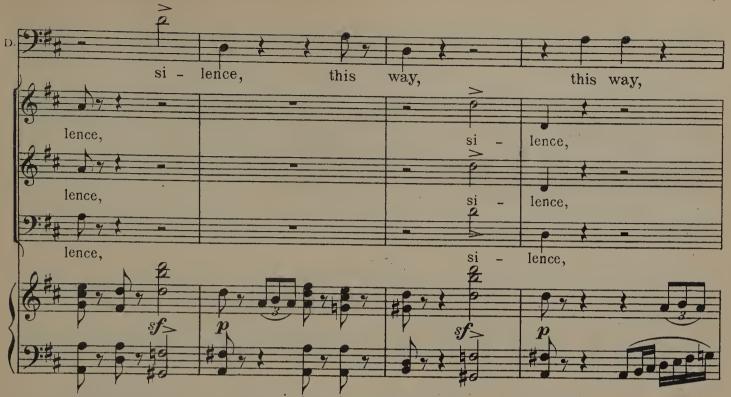




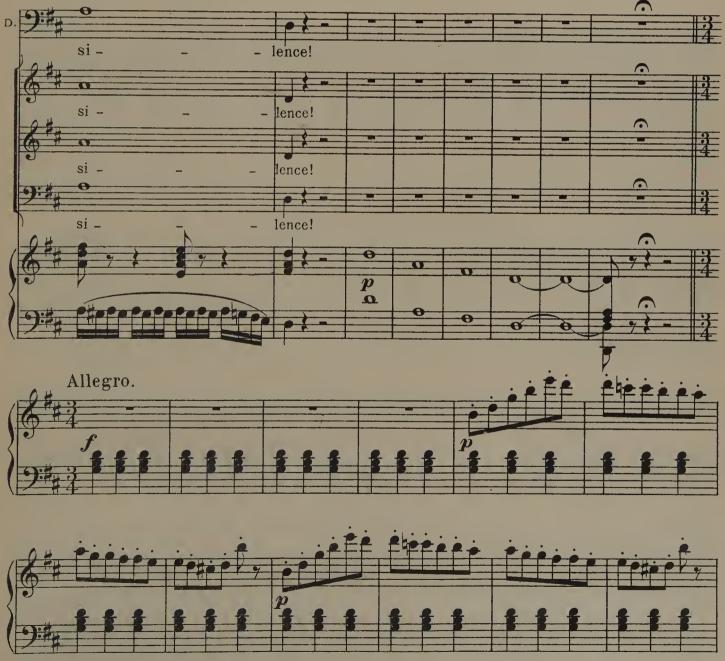






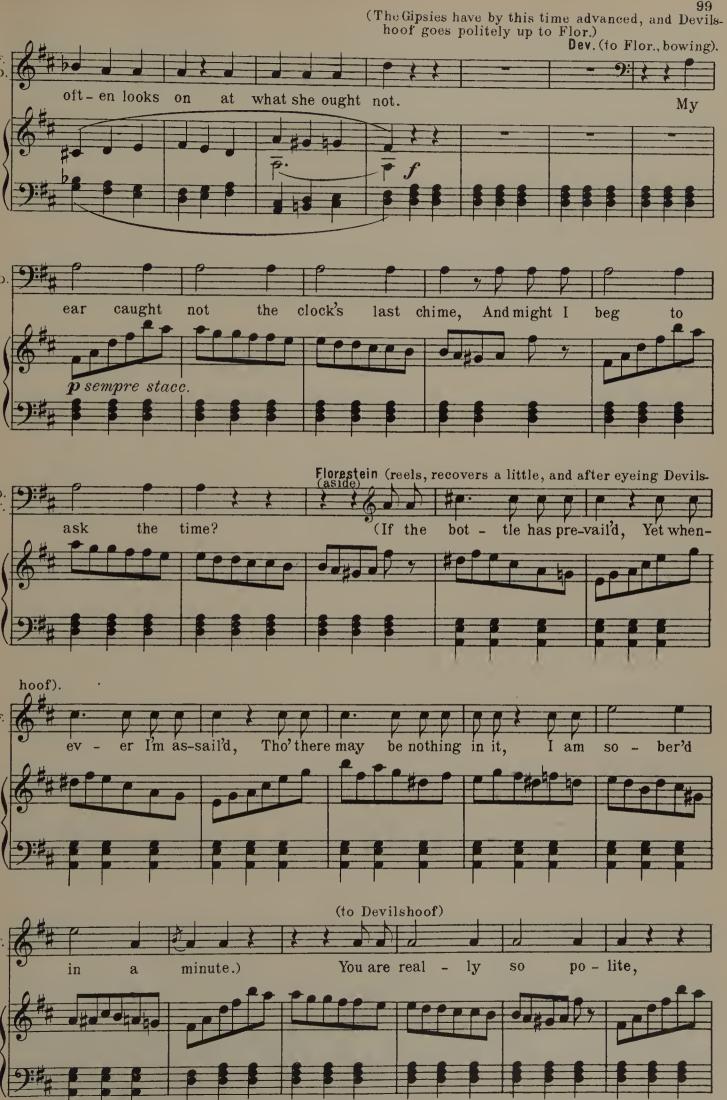


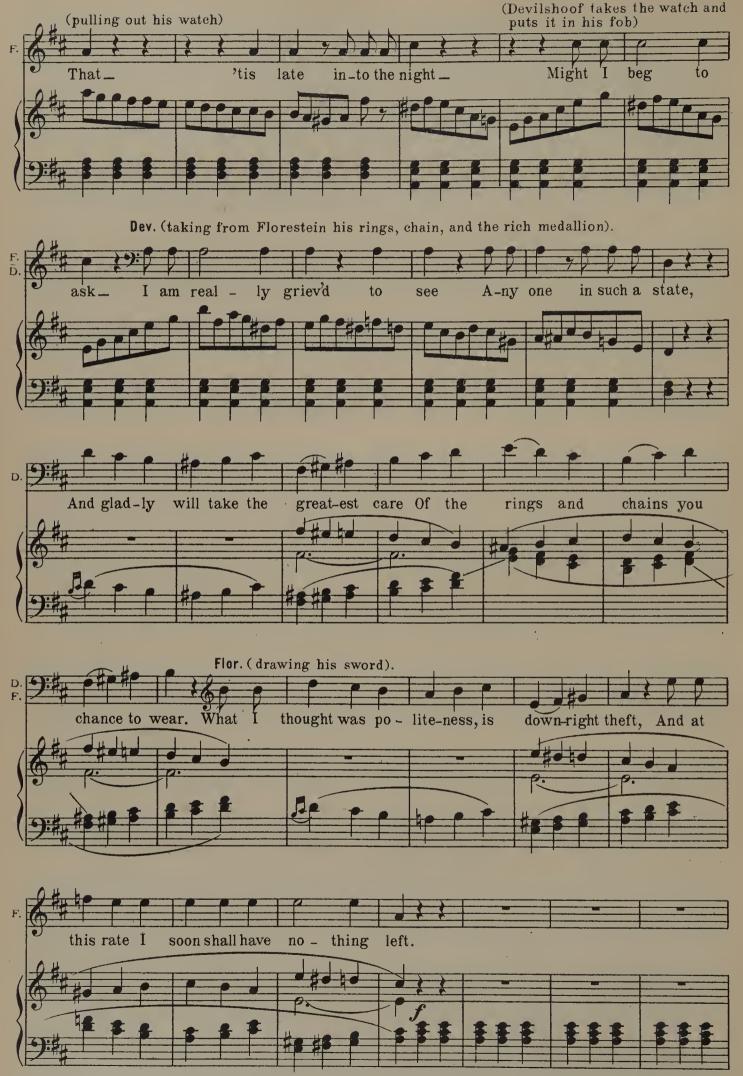
(As the Gipsies retire up the stage, Florestein staggers out of the hotel; he is elegantly dressed, with chain, rings, etc., and a rich medallion round his neck.)









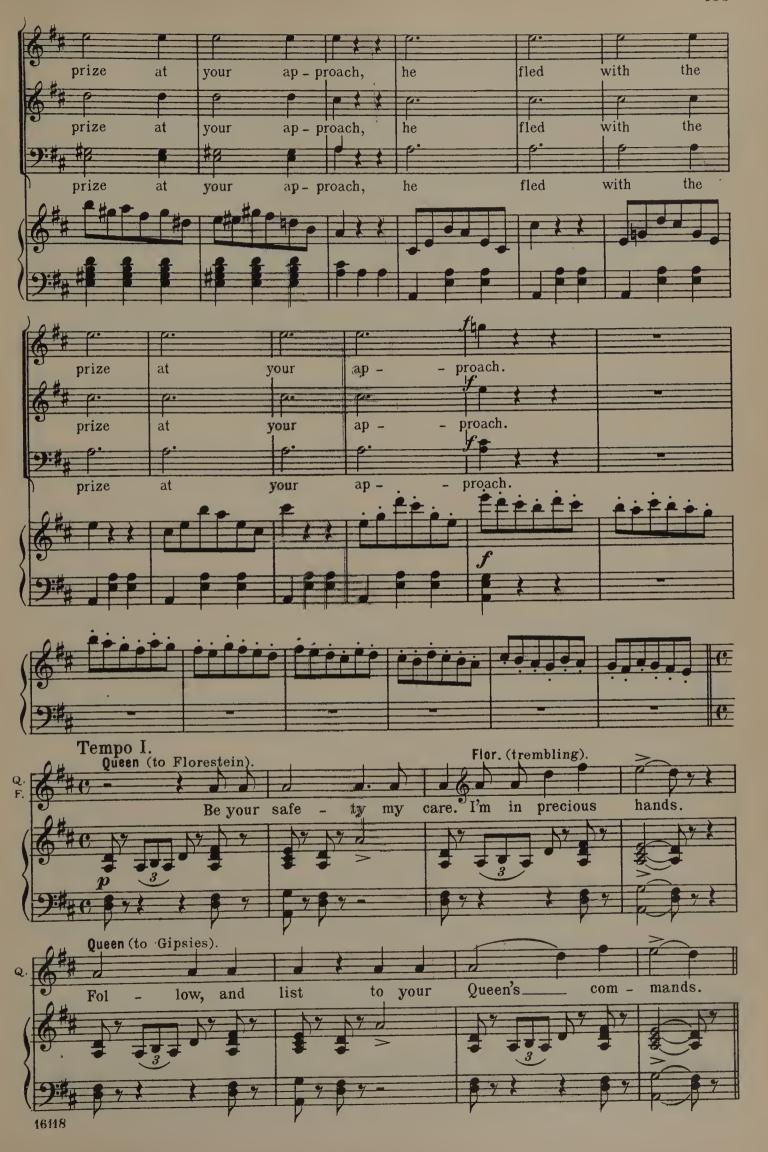


(At a sign from Devilshoof the Gipsies instantly surround Florestein, and take every valuable from him.)
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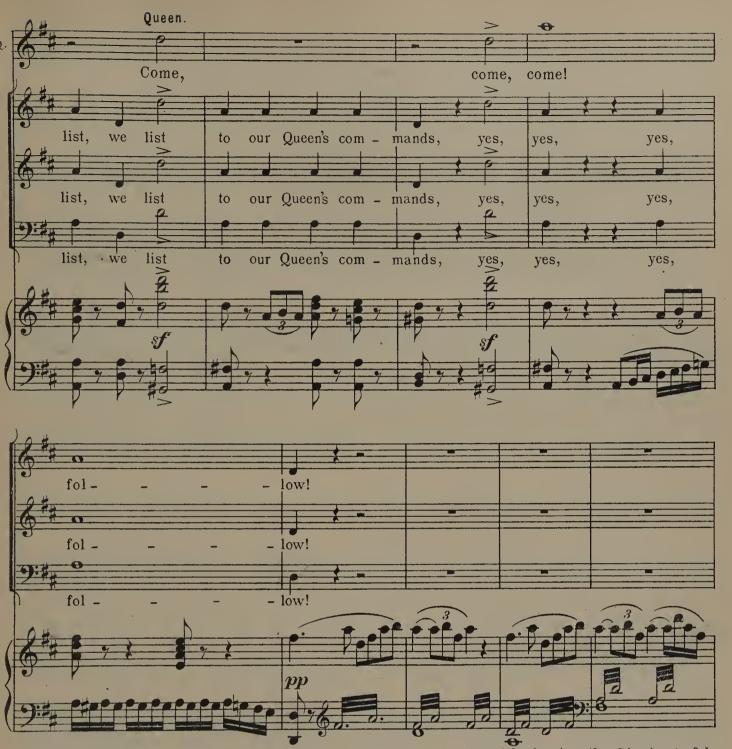


(During the chorus, Devilshoof makes off with the medallion, and the others are dividing the rest of the spoil, when a female appears in the midst of them, drops her cloak, and discovers their Queen. The Gipsies appear stupefied.)
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(Exit Queen, holding Florestein, all of a tremble, with one hand, and beckoning the Gipsies to follow, with the other.)



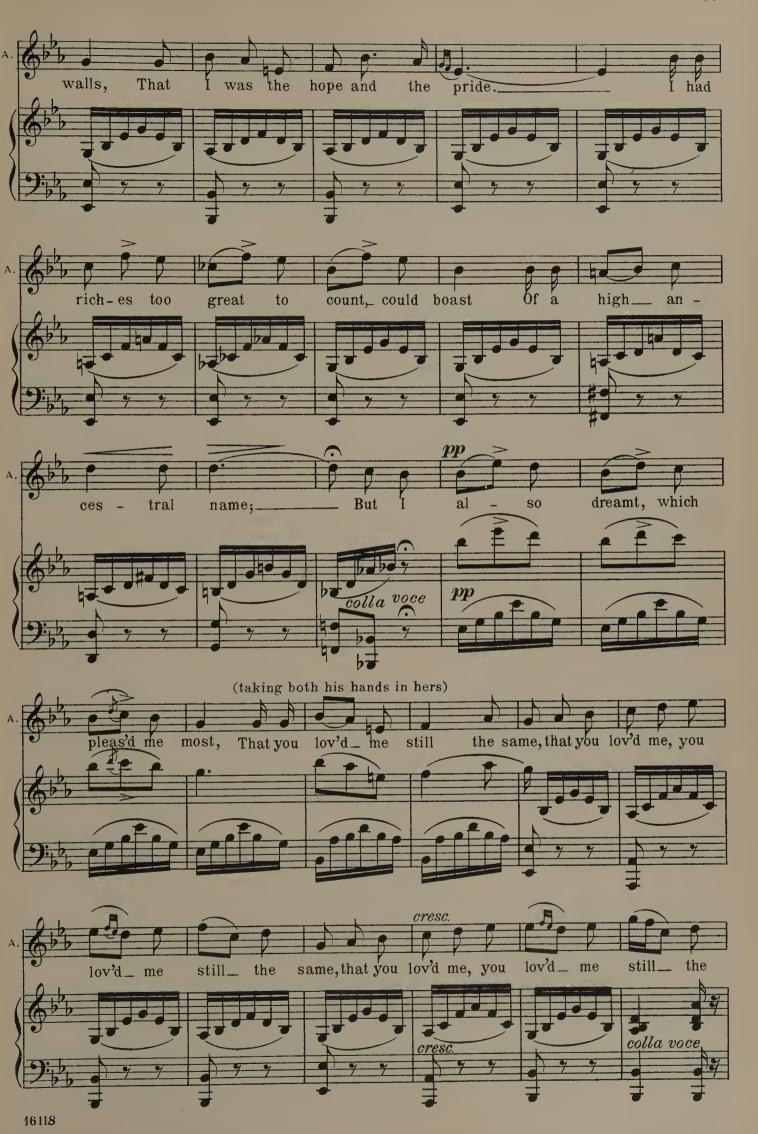
(As soon as they have gone off, Arline, who has been awakened by the noise, comes from the tent, followed by Thaddeus.

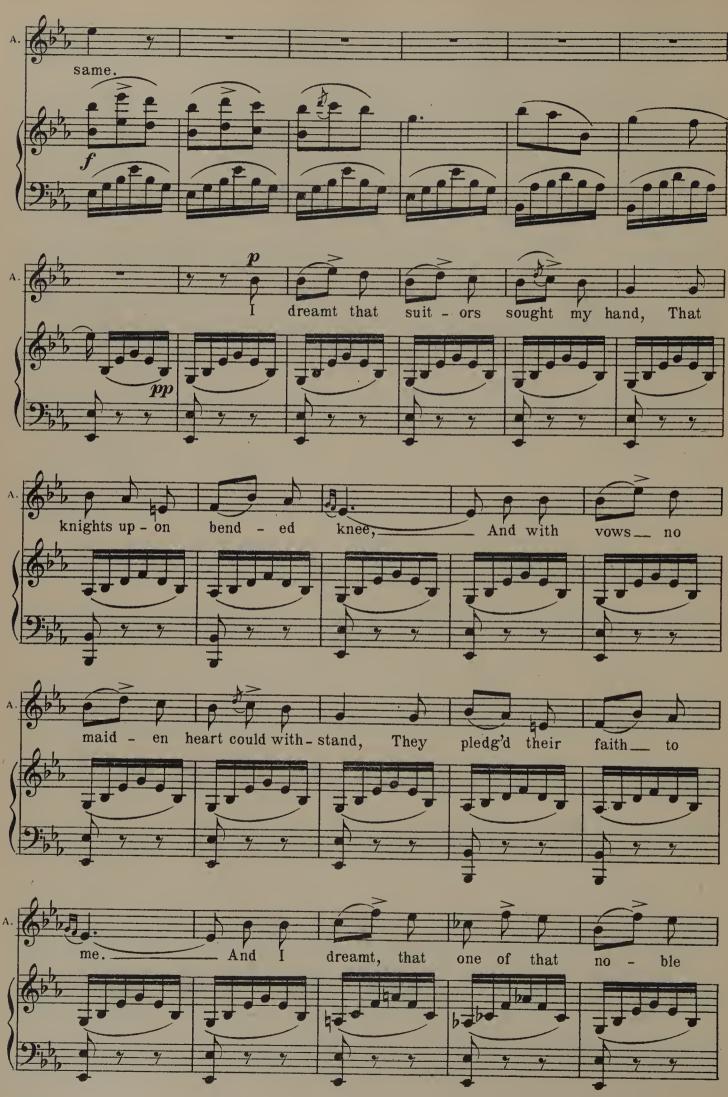
Arline. Where have I been wandering in my

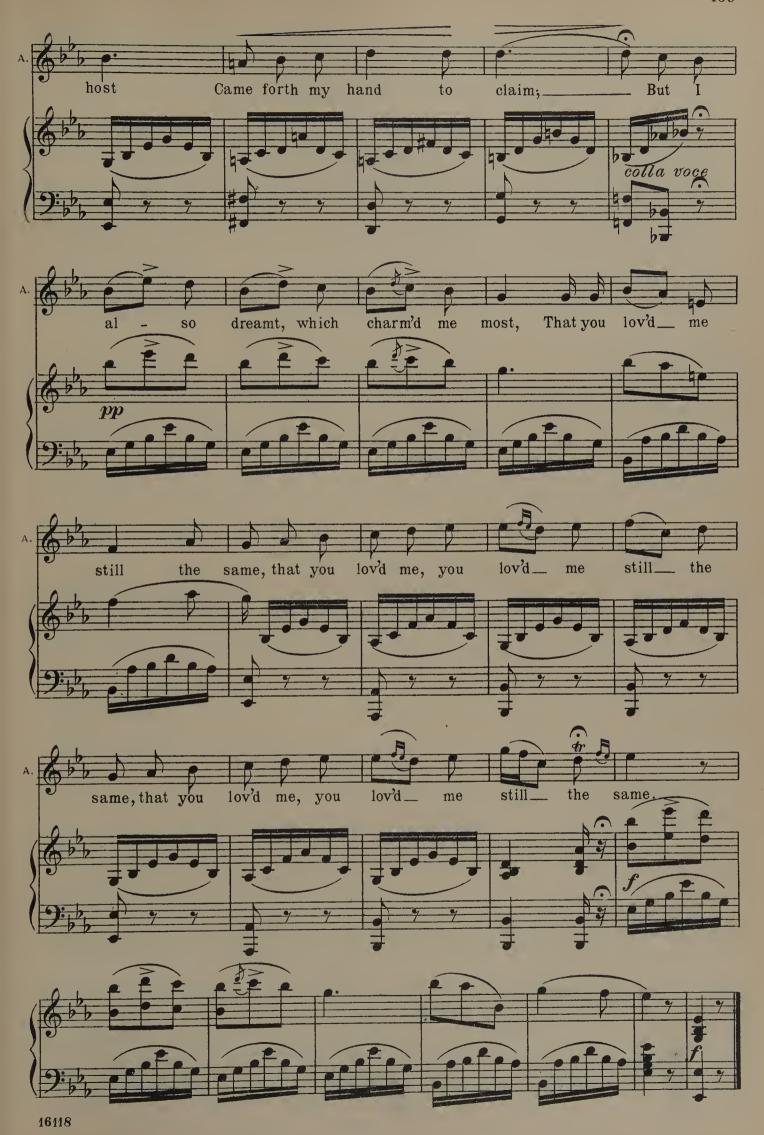
sleep? and what curious noise awoke me from its pleasant dream? Ah, Thaddeus, would you not like to know my dream? Well, I will tell it you.

"I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls."







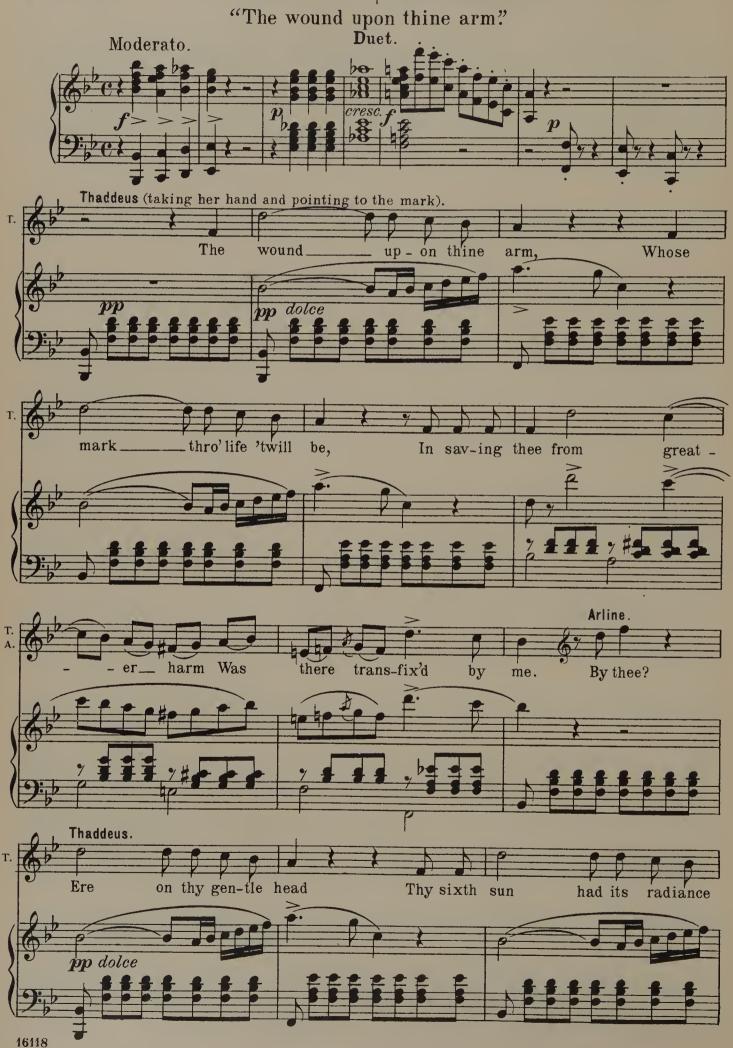


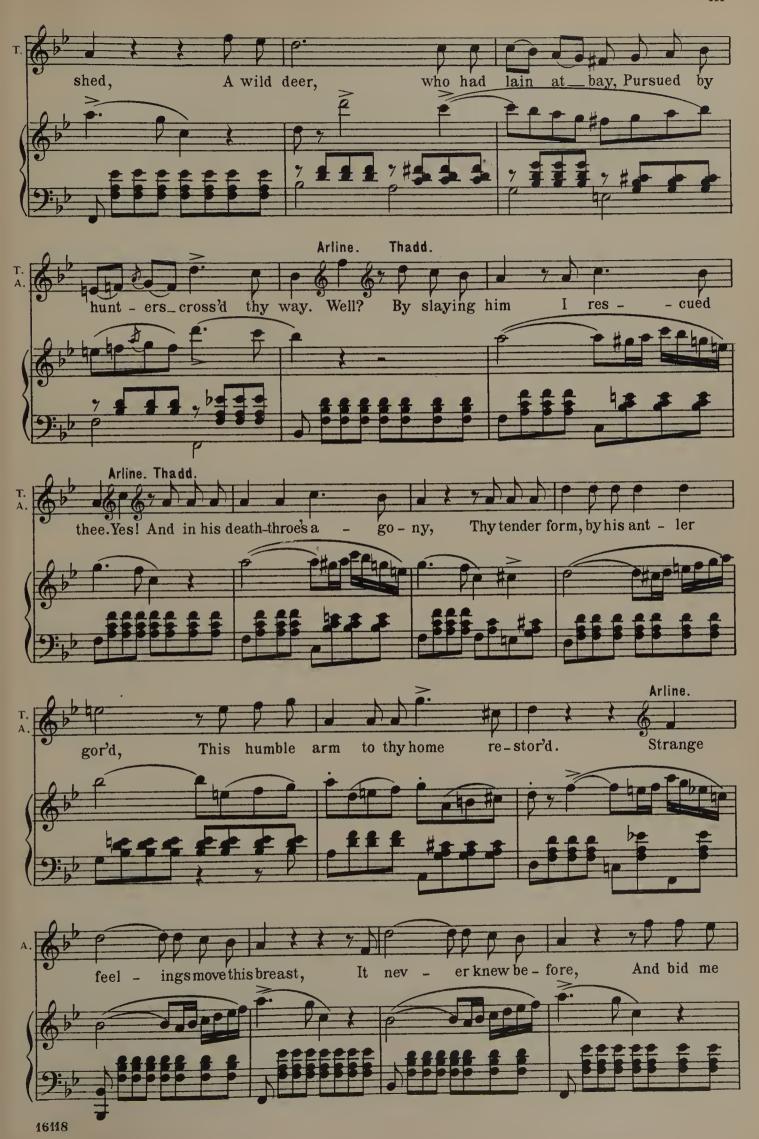
110 (At the end of the romance Thaddeus presses Arline to his heart.)

Arline. And do you love me still? Thaddeus. More than life itself.

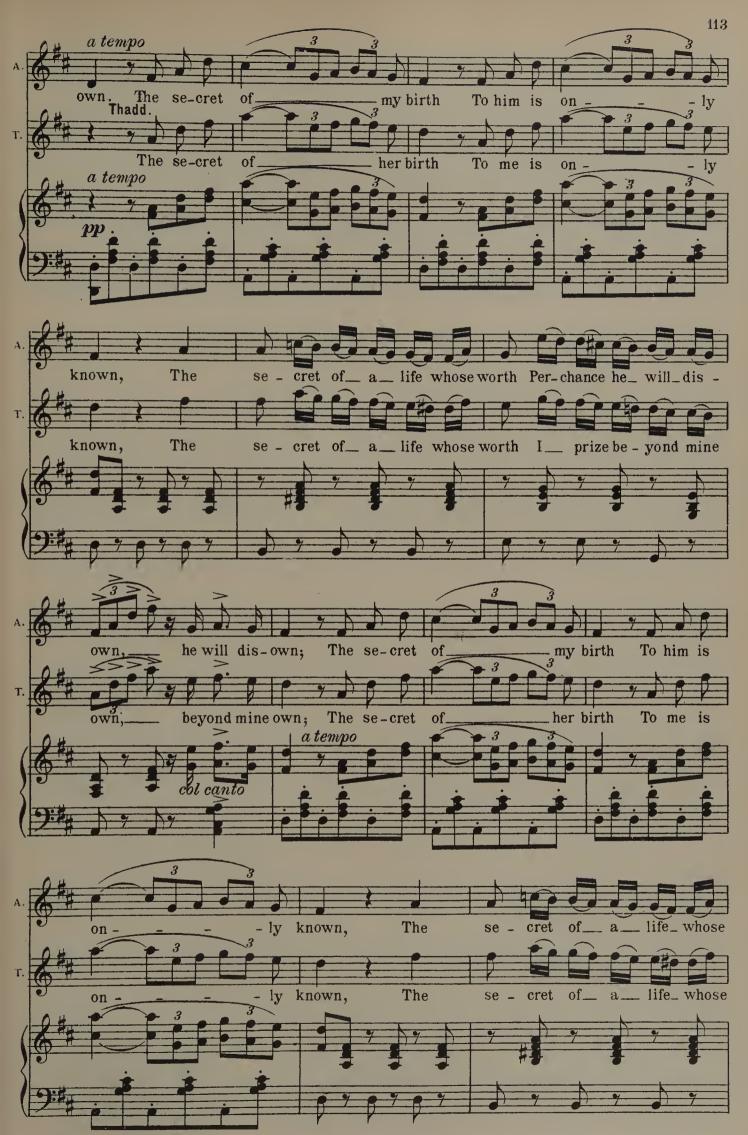
Arline. Yet is there a mystery between our affec-

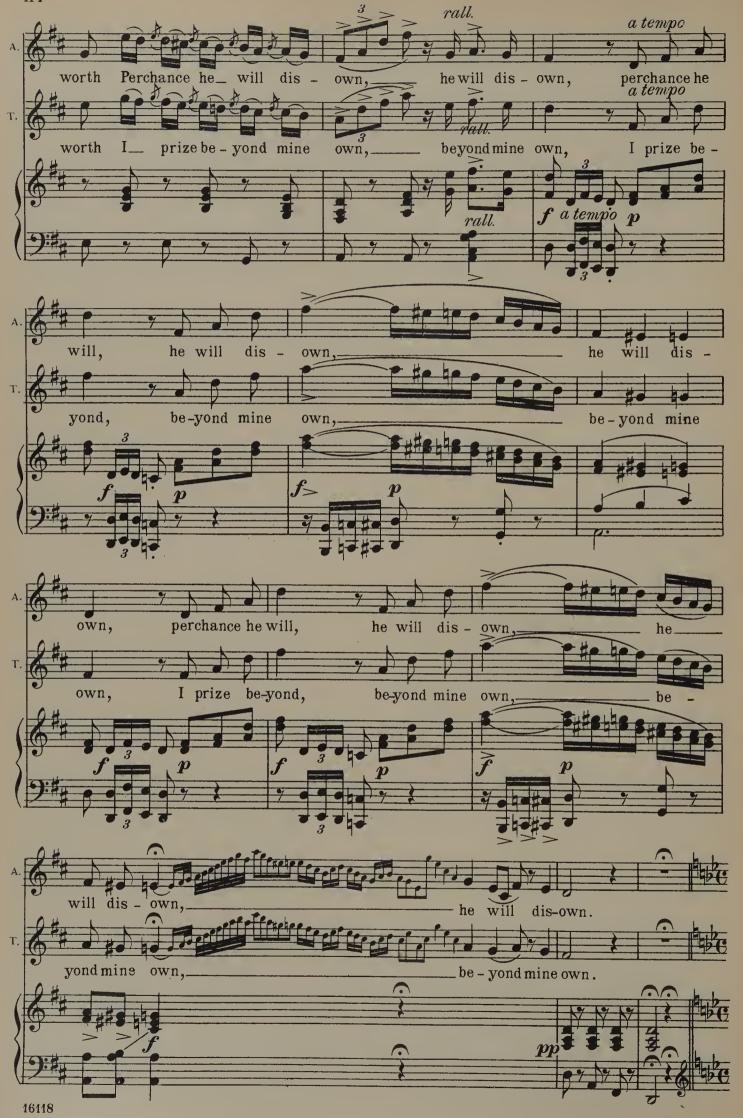
tions and their happiness that I would fain un ravel (pointing to her arm). The mark on this arm, which I have seen you so often contemplate, is the key to that mystery. By the love you say you bear me, solve it.

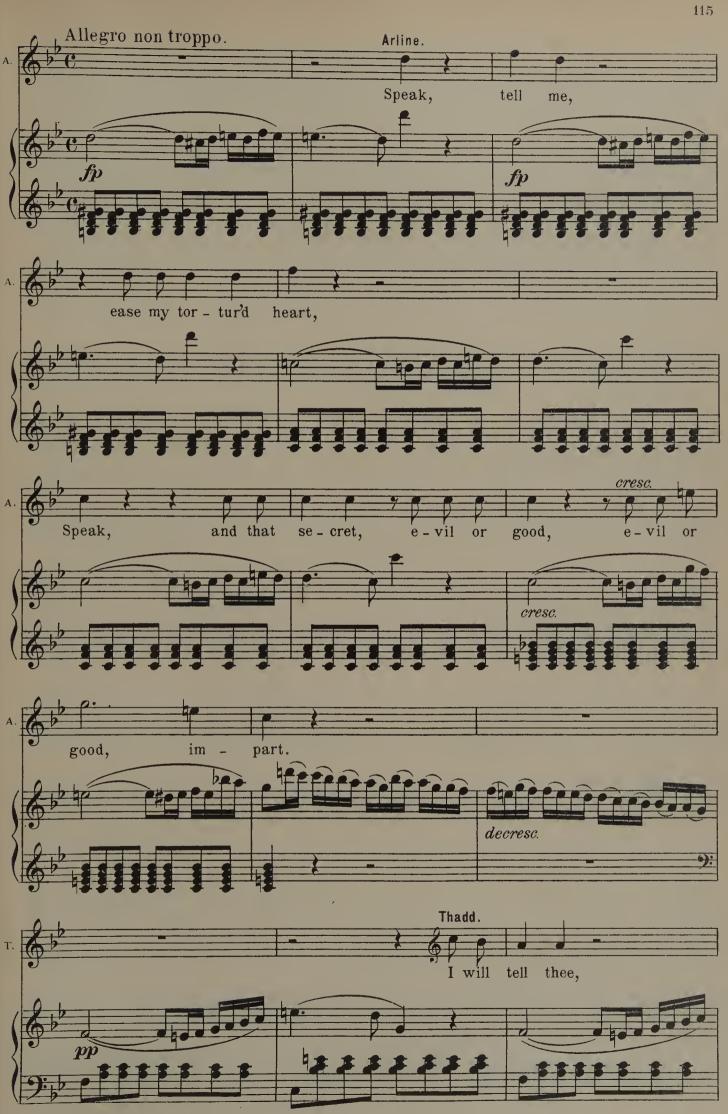


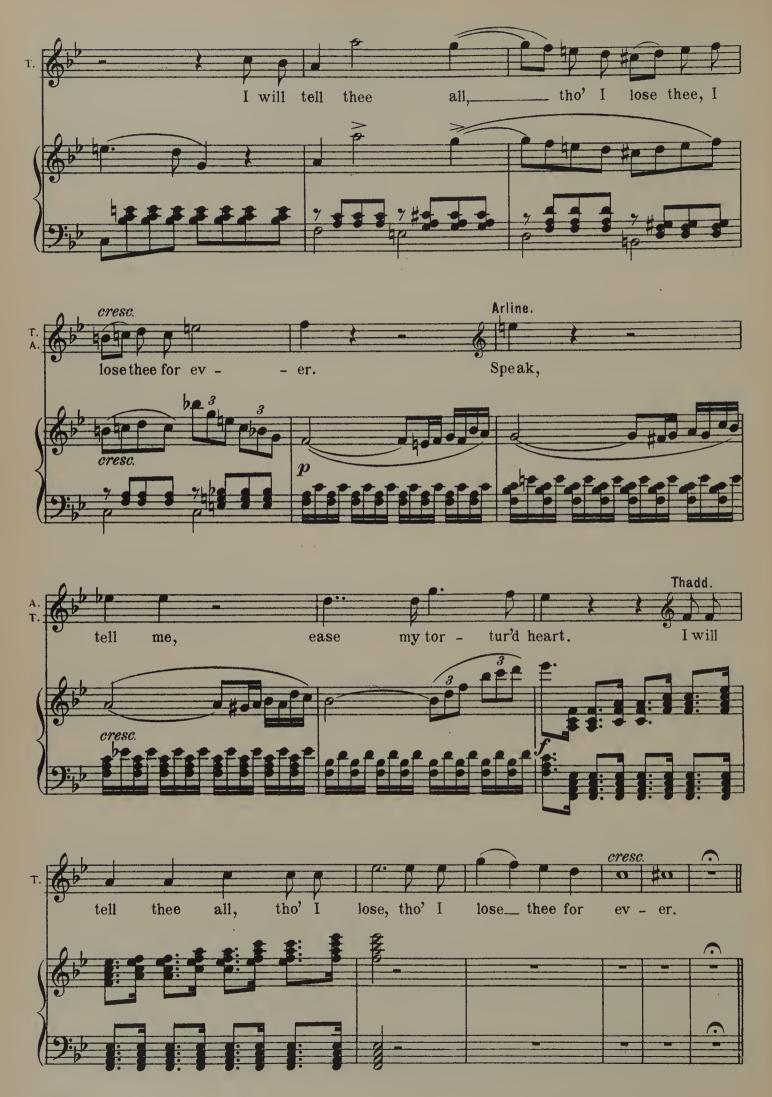




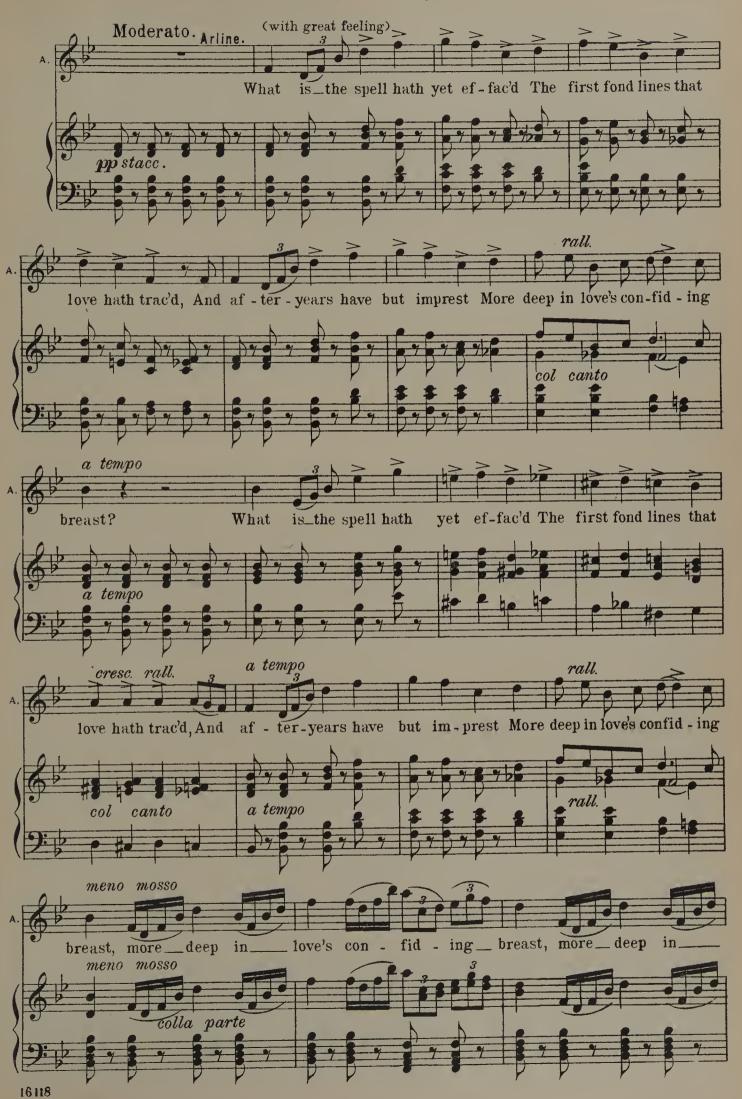


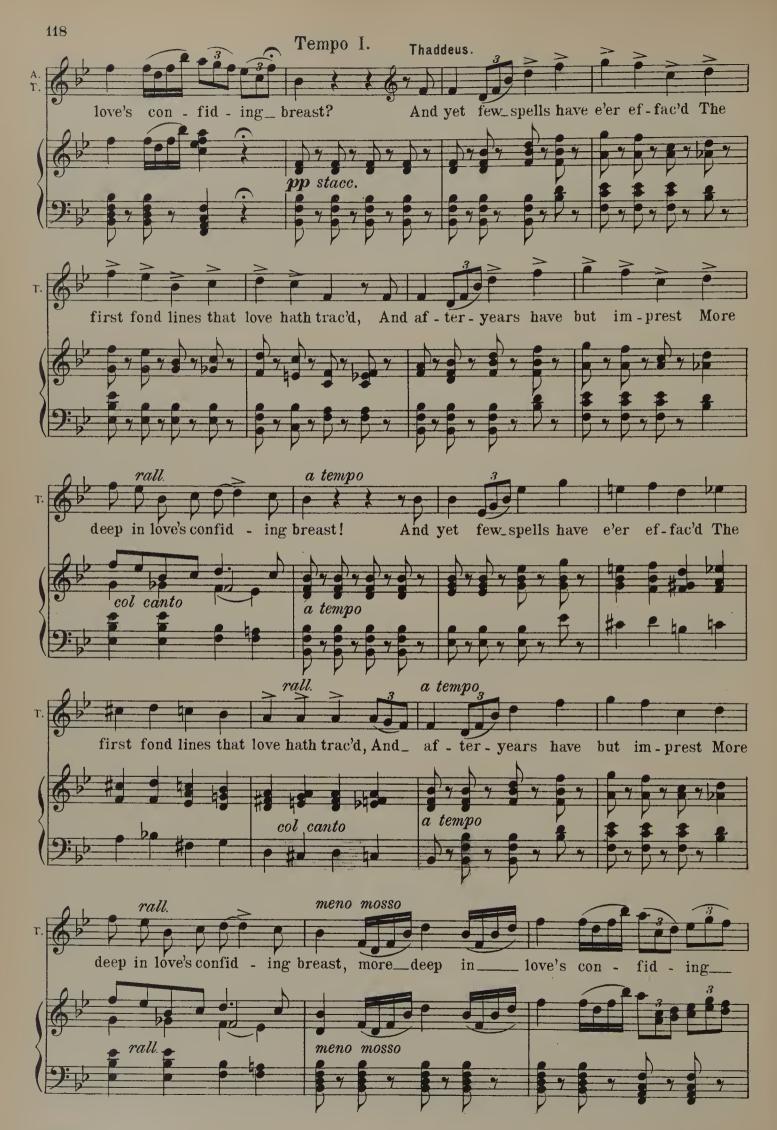


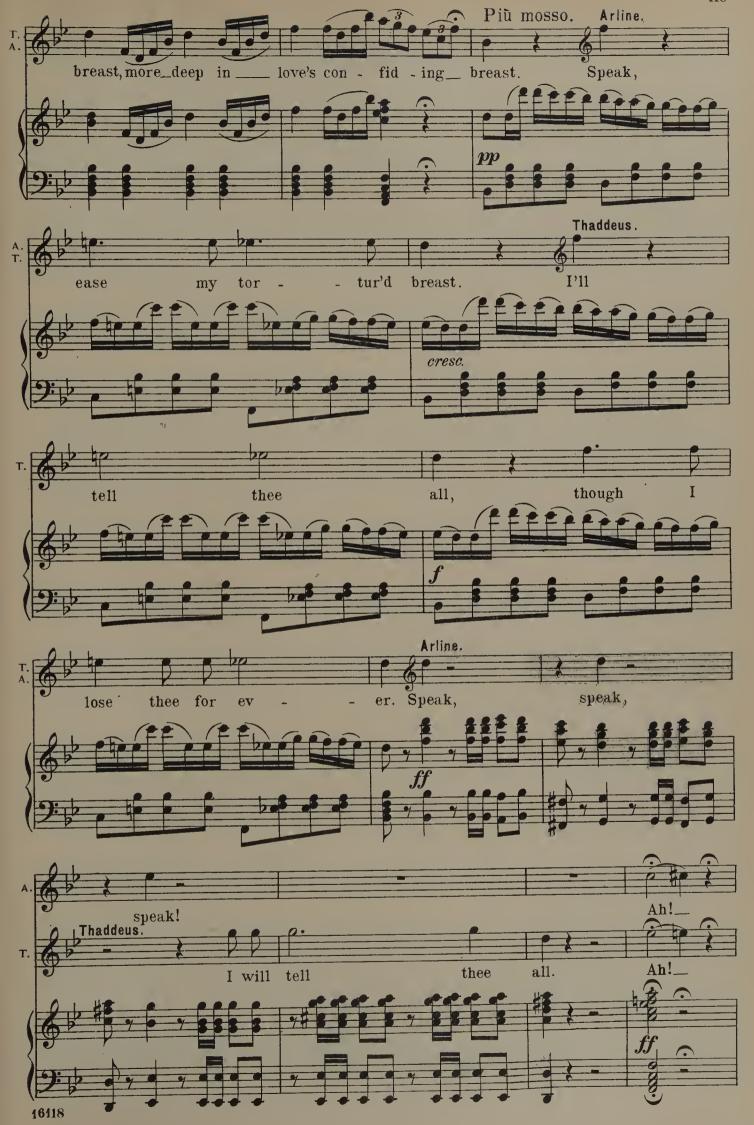


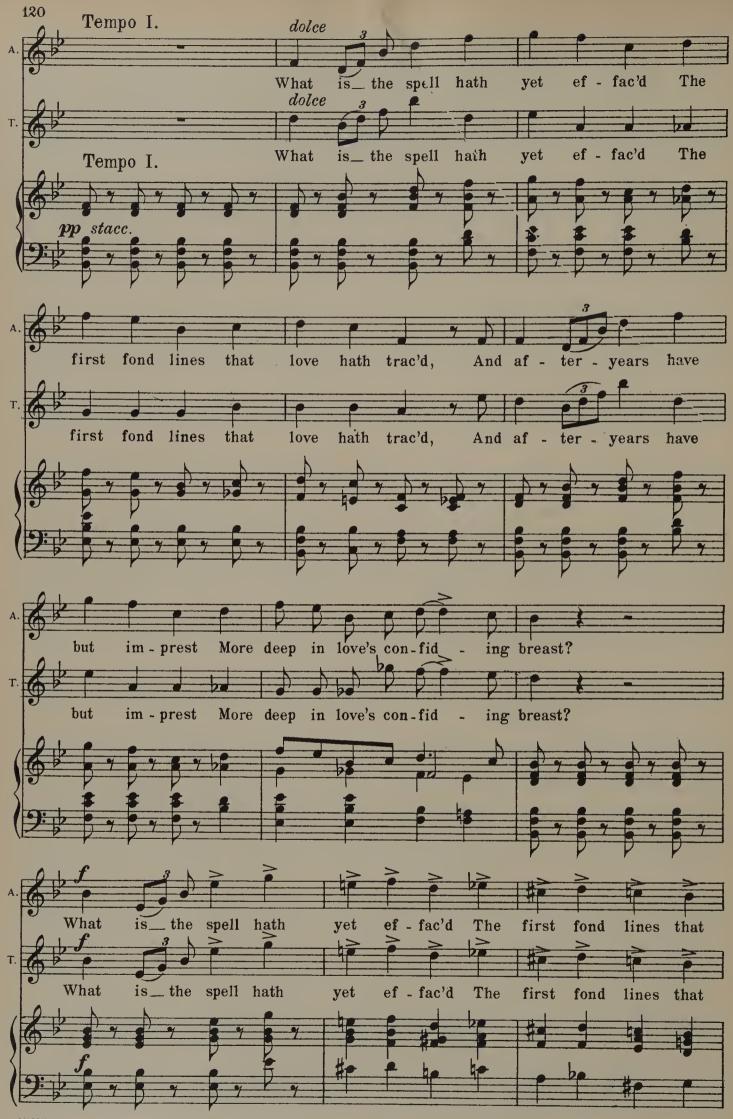


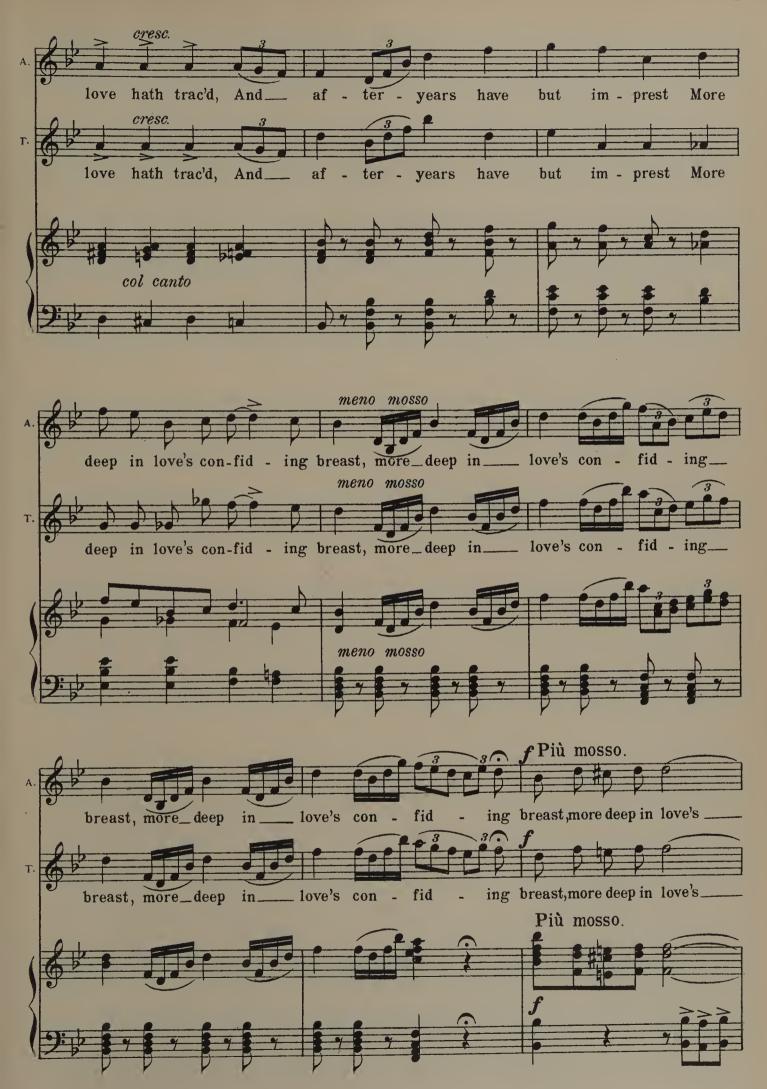
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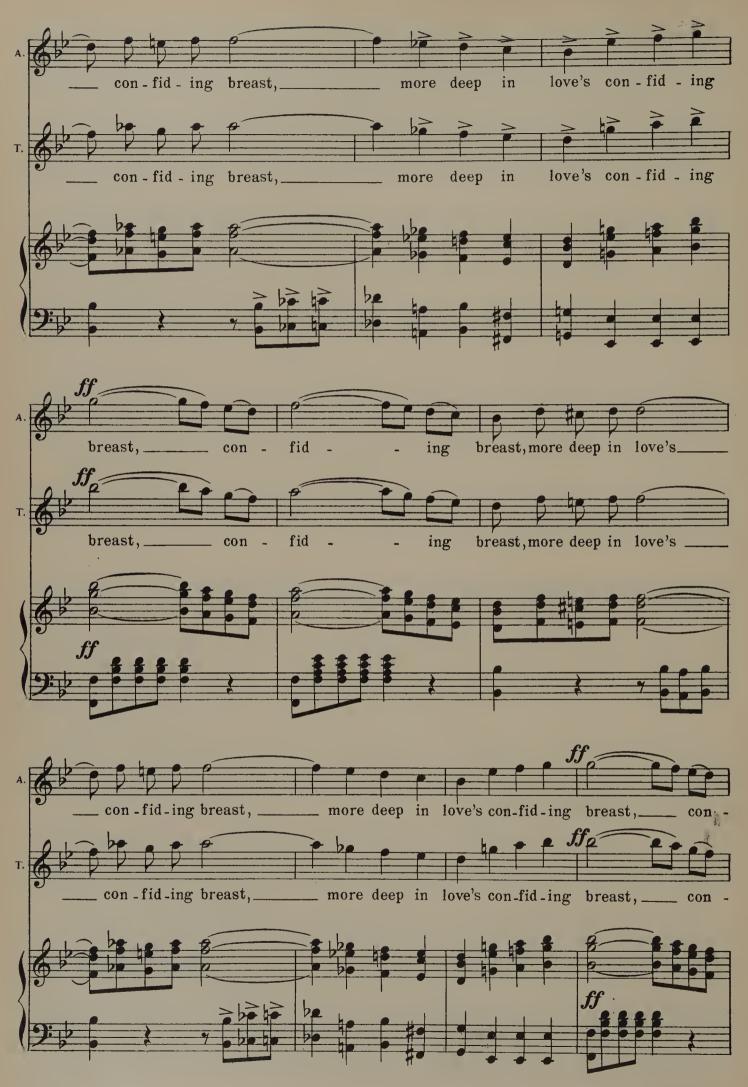


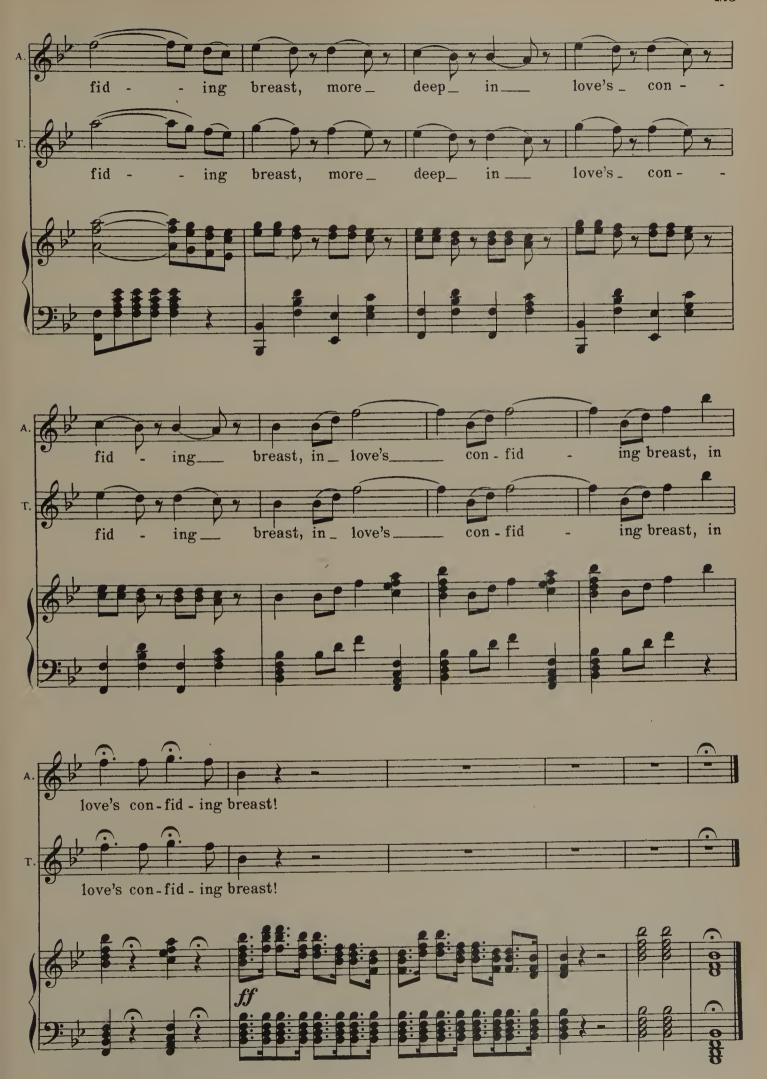












(At the end of the duet, Thaddeus throws himself, in an ecstasy, at the feet of Arline, and is bathing her hand with kisses, when the back curtains of the tent are withdrawn, and the Queen appears, pale and trembling with passion. She advances towards Arline, and pointing to Thaddeus...)

Queen. And dare you aspire to the love of him who possesses the heart of your queen?

Arline. I possess his heart, and will yield the possession to no one. He is the savior of my life, and the only friend I have in all the tribe: he has sworn how much he loves me.

Queen. Loves you?

(Trumpet sounds twice, then segue.)

Arline. Yes; let him speak for himself, and choose between us.

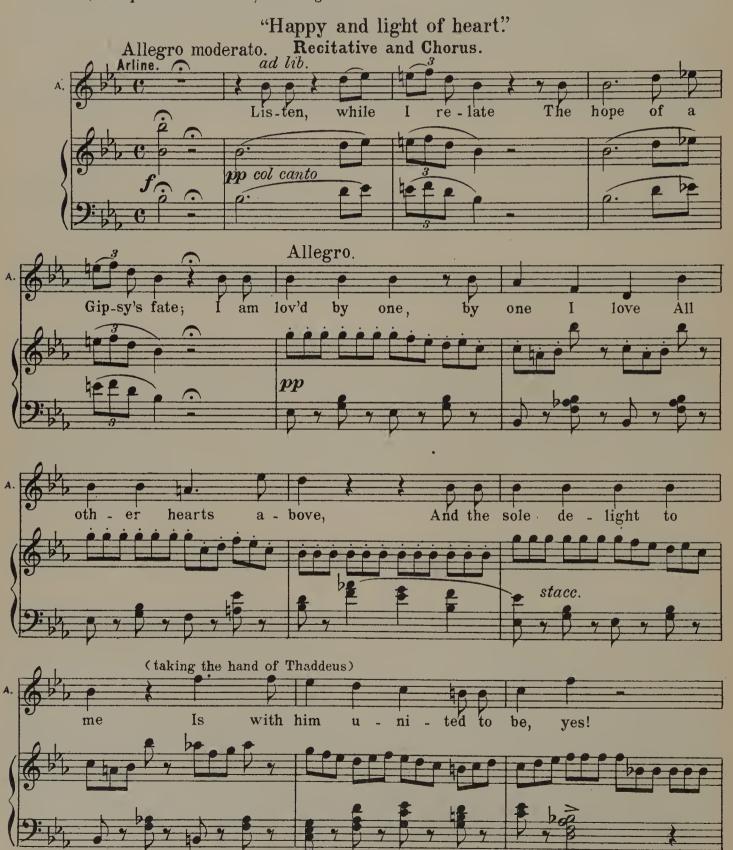
Queen. Be it so.

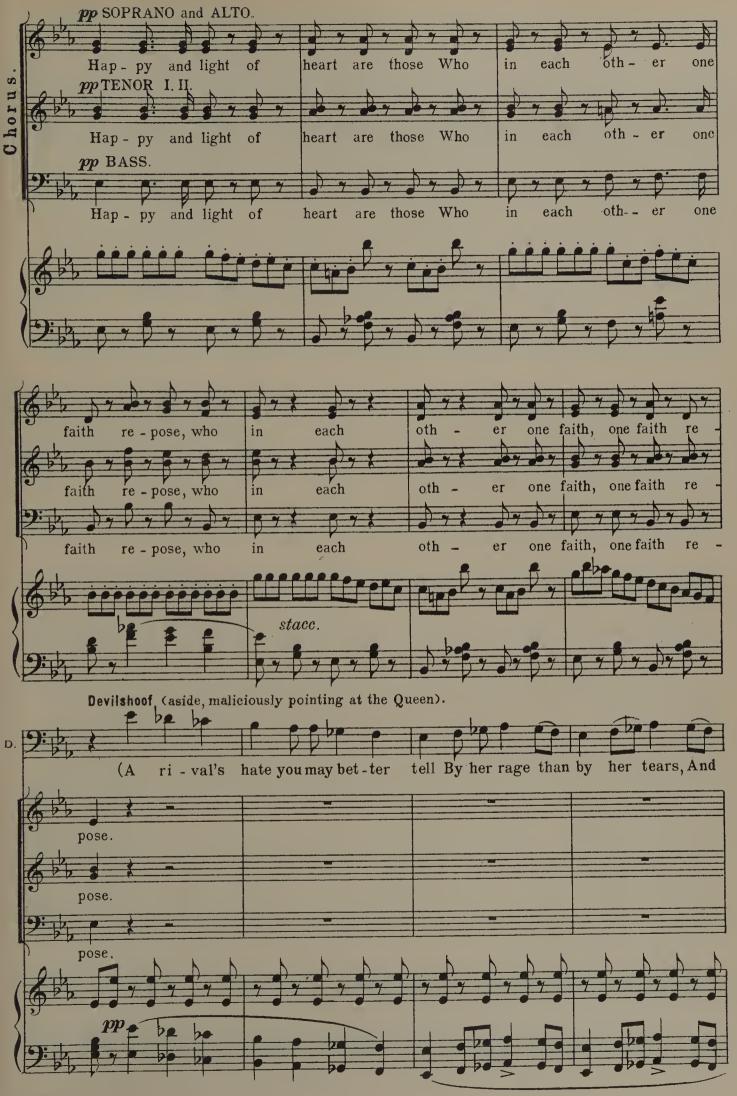
(Thaddeus, who has been anxiously watching the two, here runs and embraces Arline. She surveys the Queen with an air of triumph.)

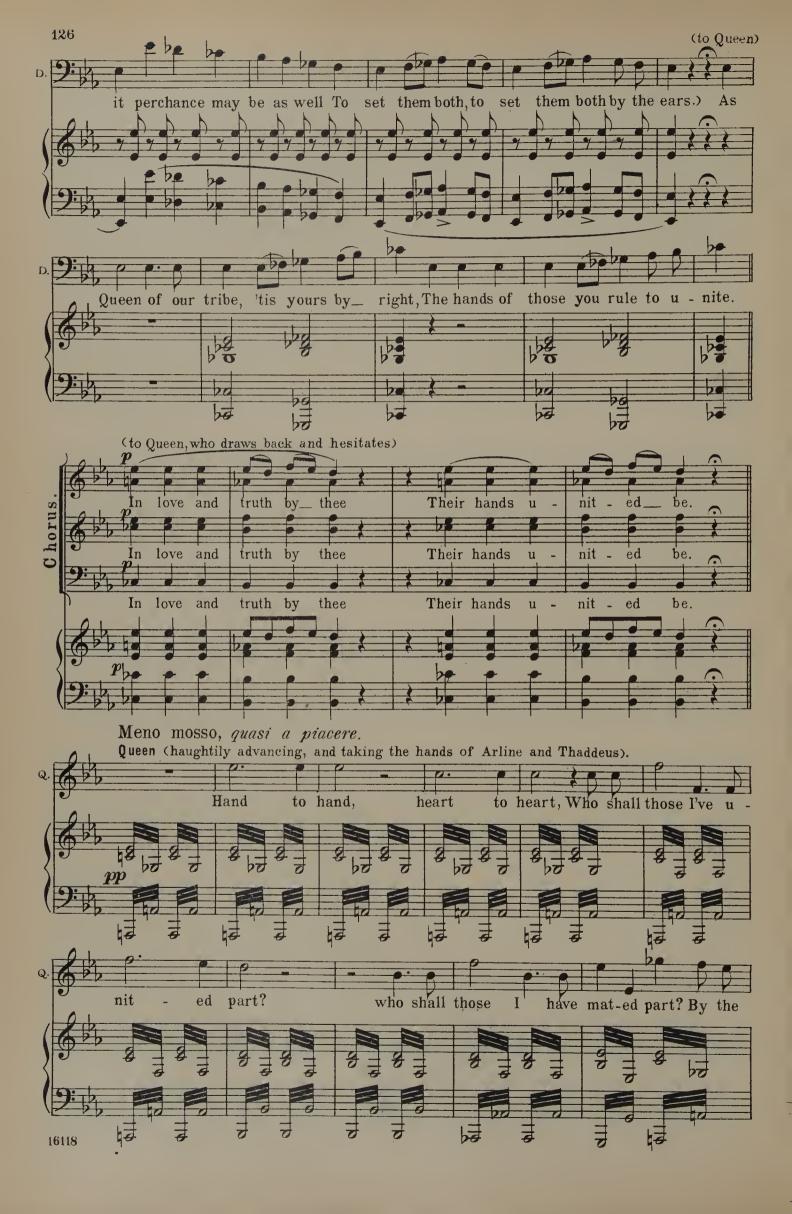
Arline (to the Queen). I made no idle boast. (Then to Thaddeus _) Summon our comrades

hither.

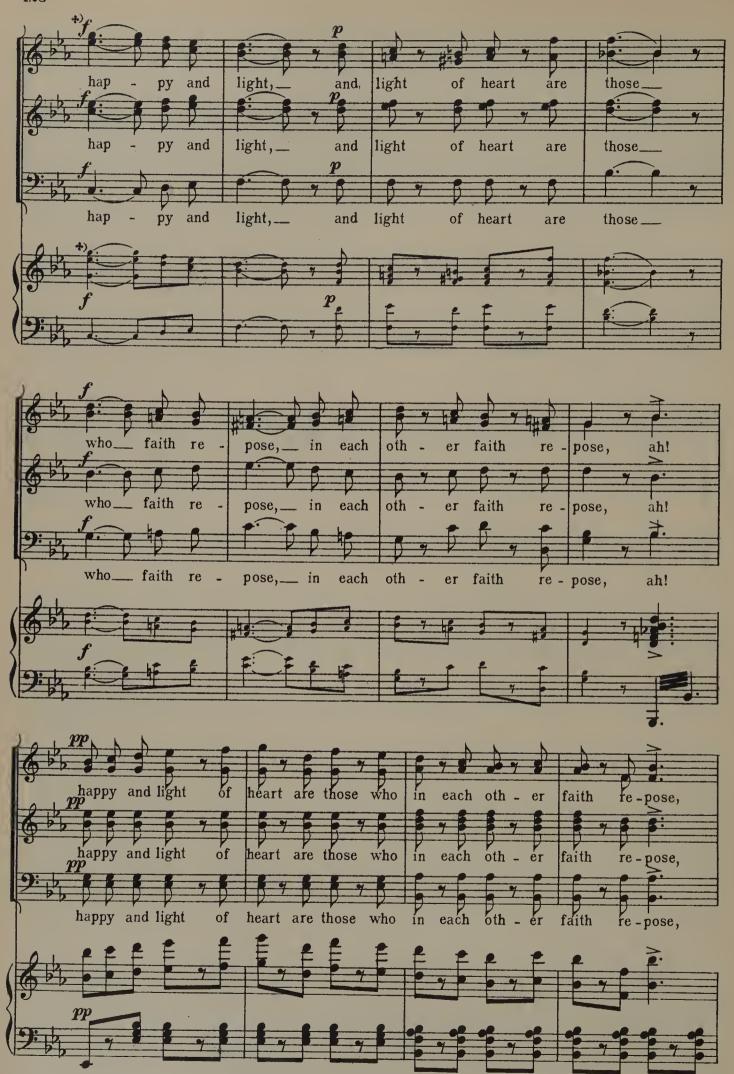
(The Queen is standing in the centre, while Thaddeus calls the Gipsies together, who enter on all sides and surround the Queen, and appear to ask what is going on.)





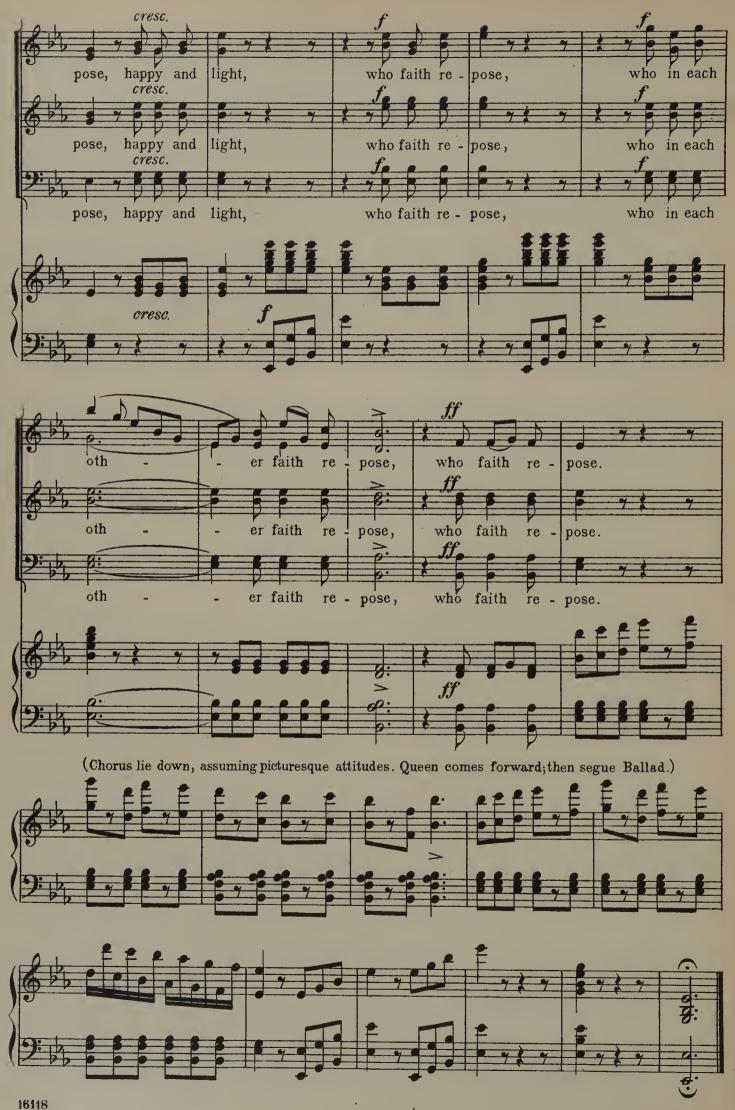




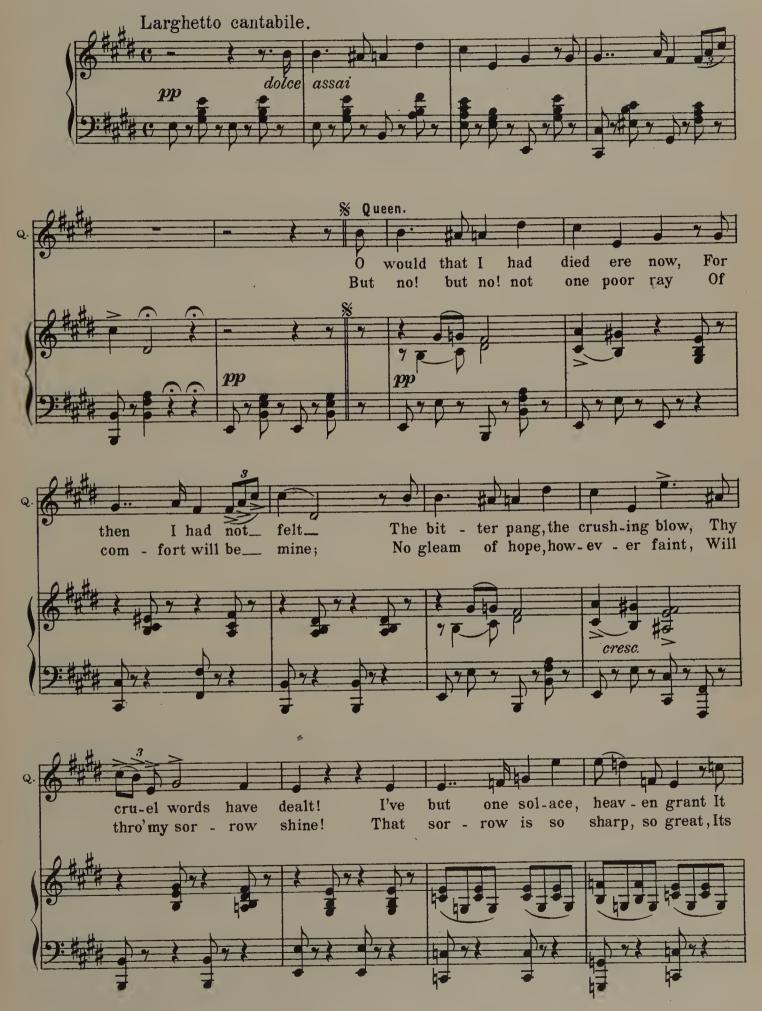


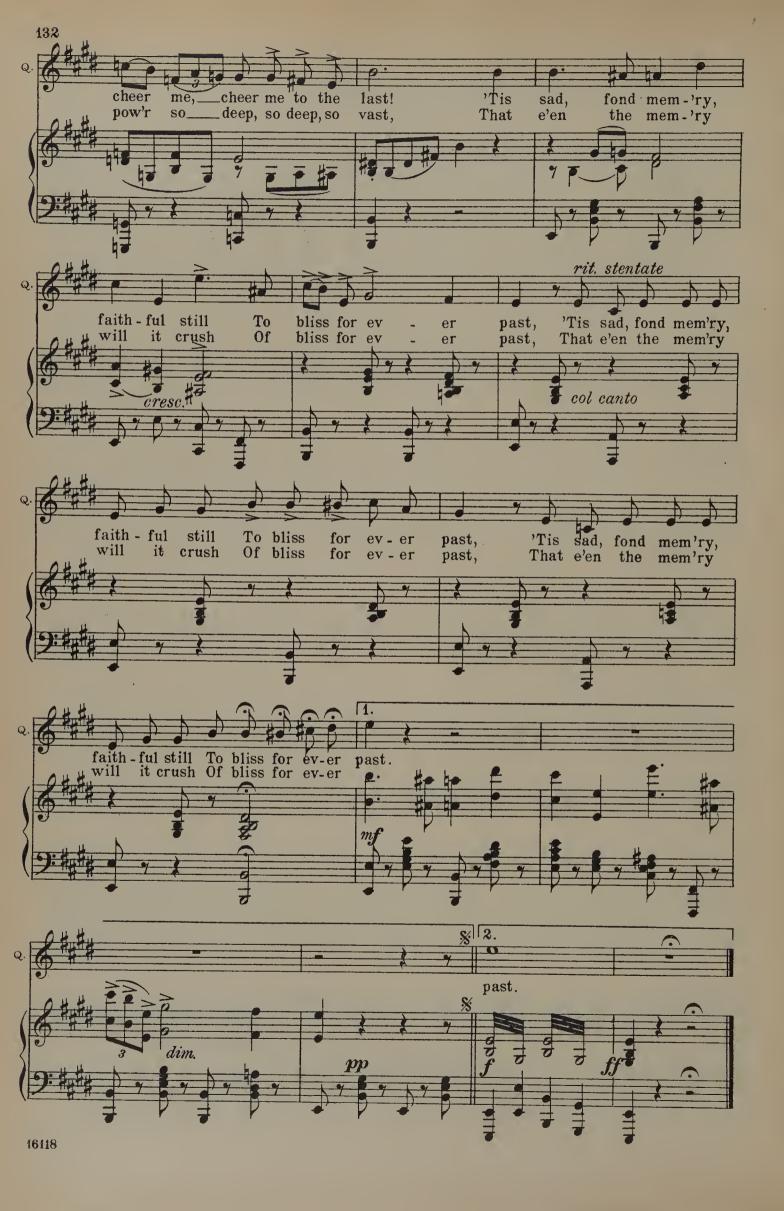
†)This is sung on the stage without accompaniment. 16118





"Bliss for ever past."
Ballad.





(During this scene the stage has been growing somewhat lighter. A Gipsy enters.)

Gipsy. Morning is beginning to dawn, and crowds of people are already flocking towards the fair: the sports begin with daylight.

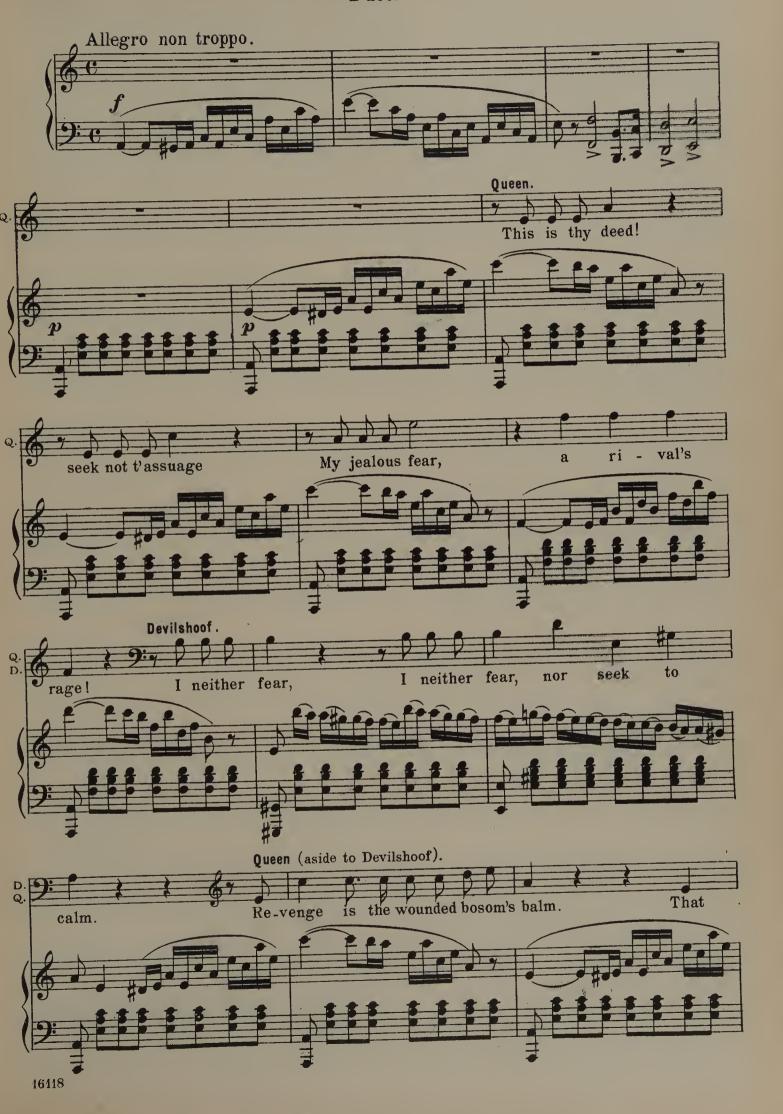
Queen. Summon the rest of the tribe, and meet me forthwith in the public square. (To Devilshoof.) Do you remain to bear my further orders. (Exeunt Thaddeus and Arline, hand in hand, followed by the other Gipsies repeating chorus.)



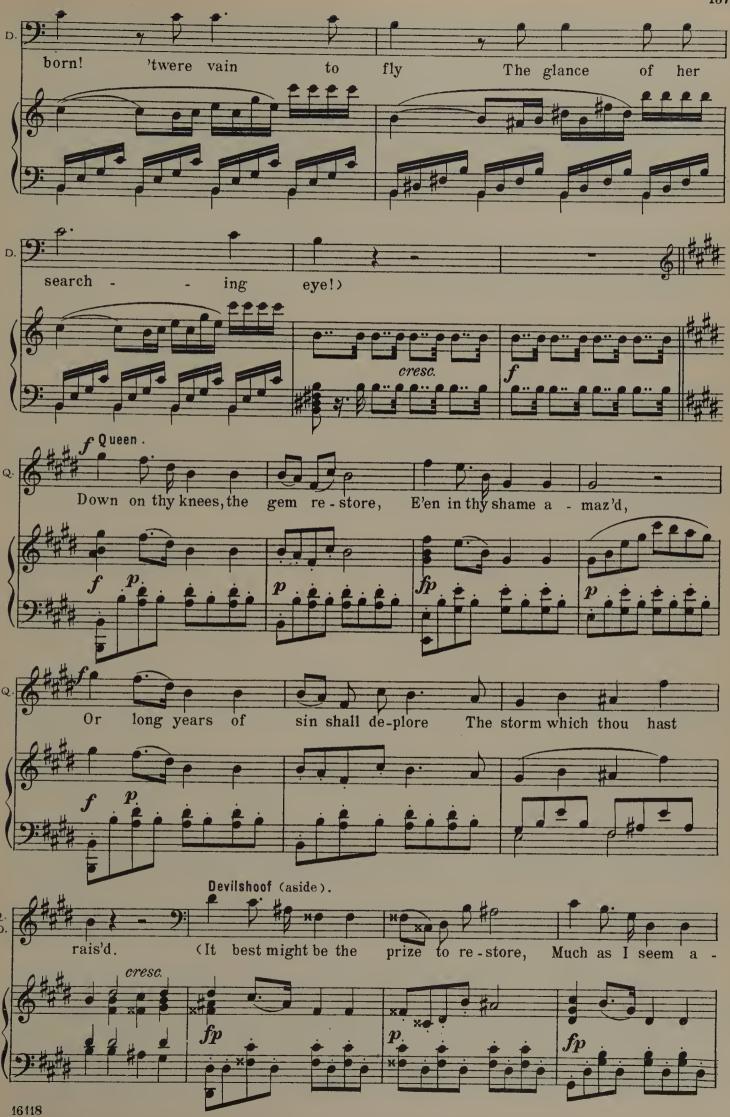


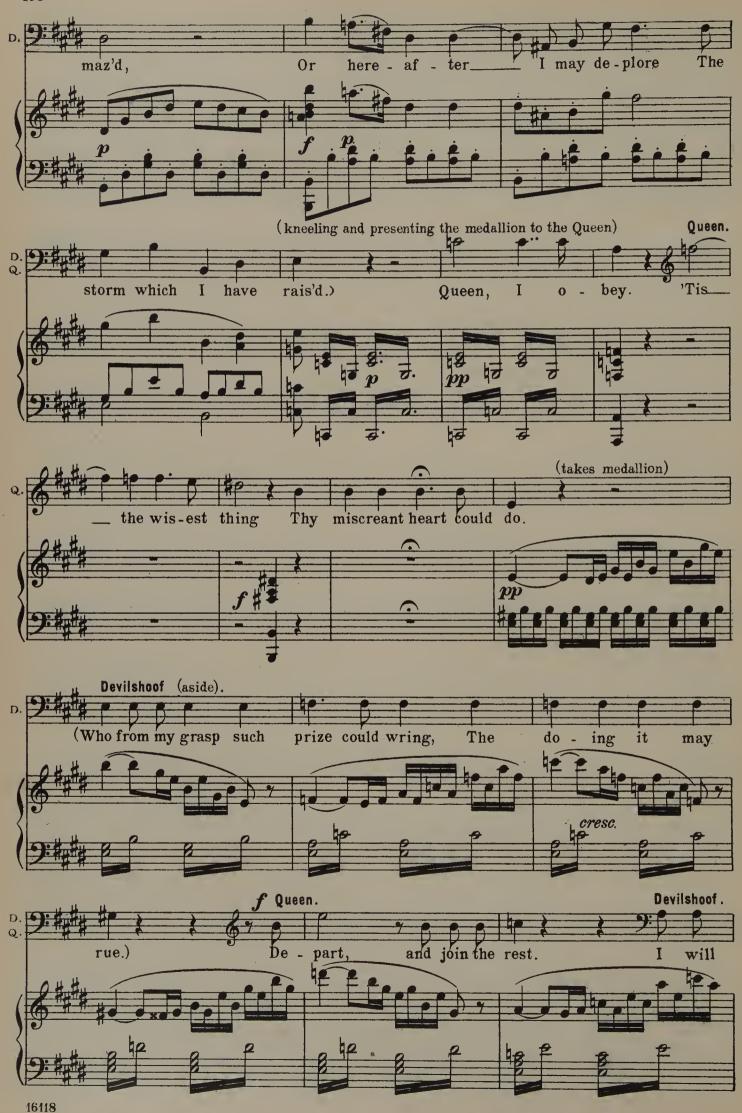


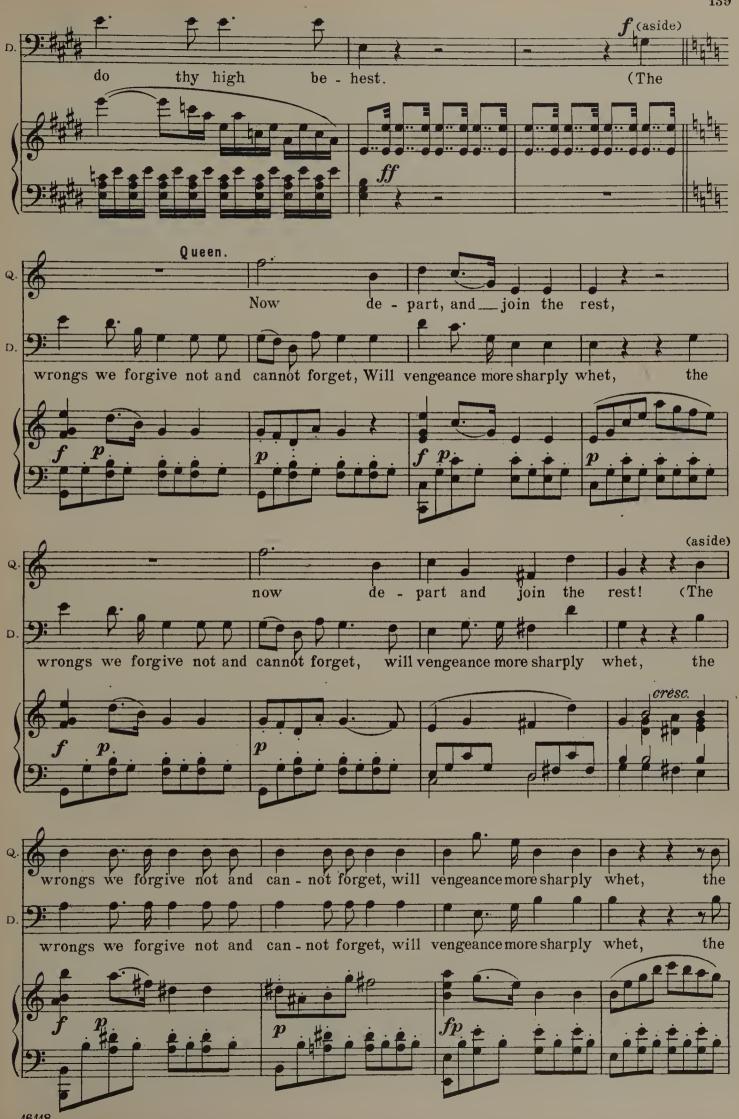
"This is thy deed."
Duet.



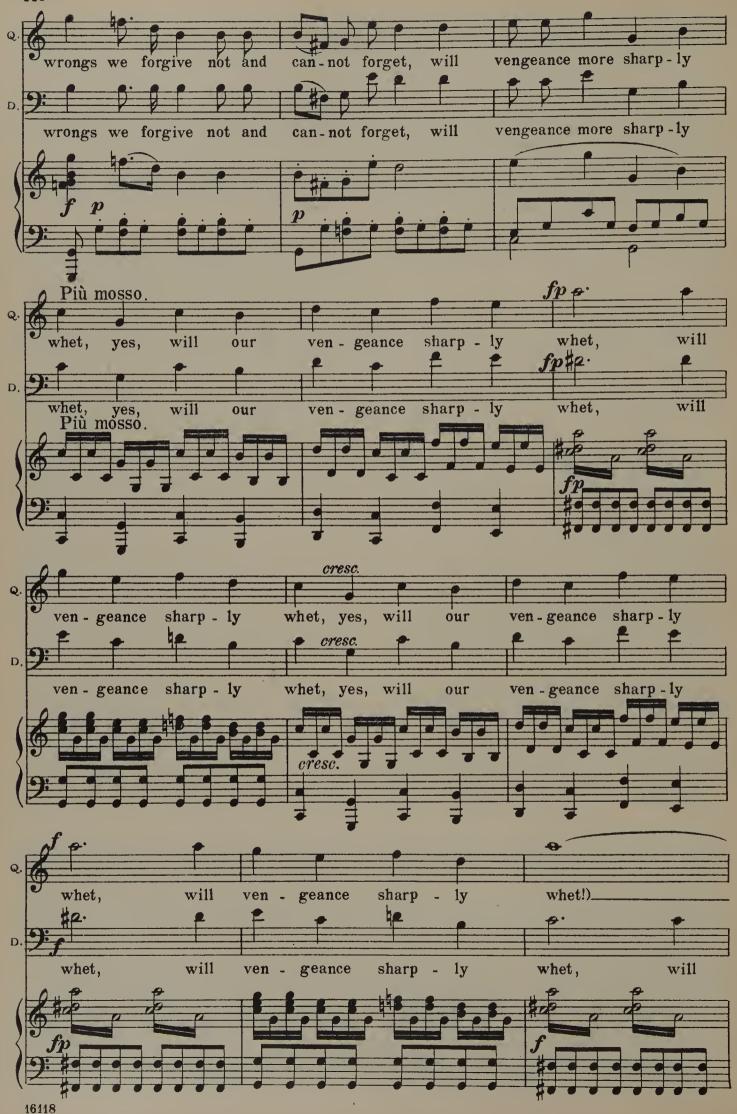


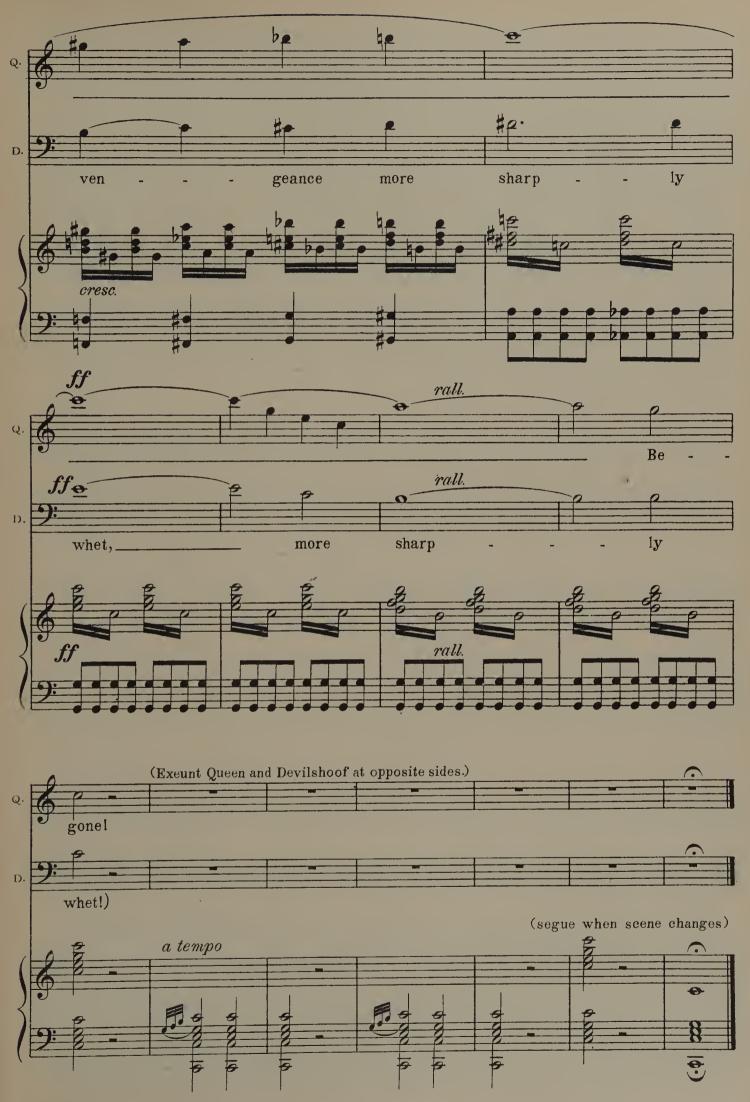








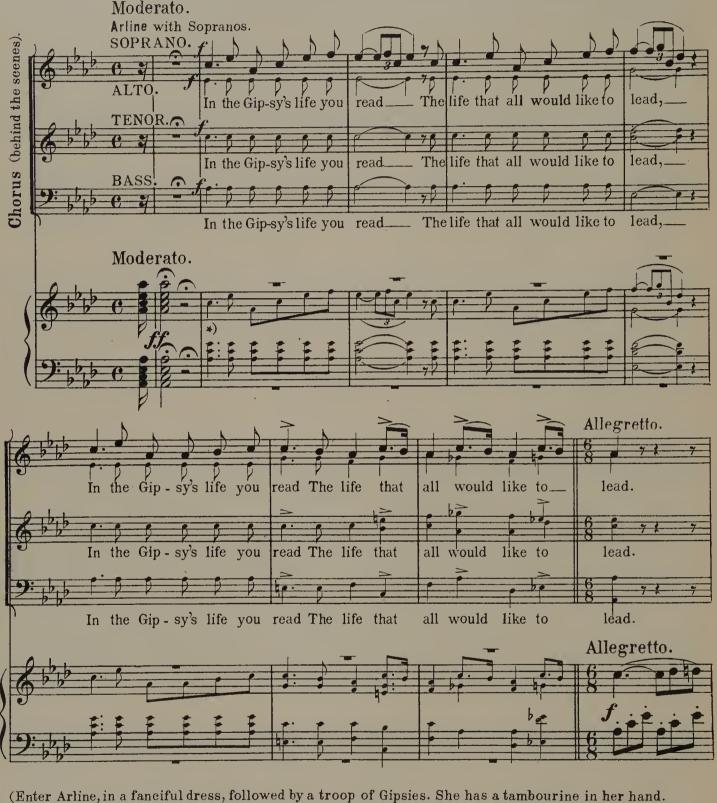


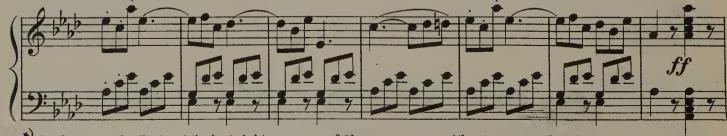


Scene II. _ Another street in Presburg. Daylight.

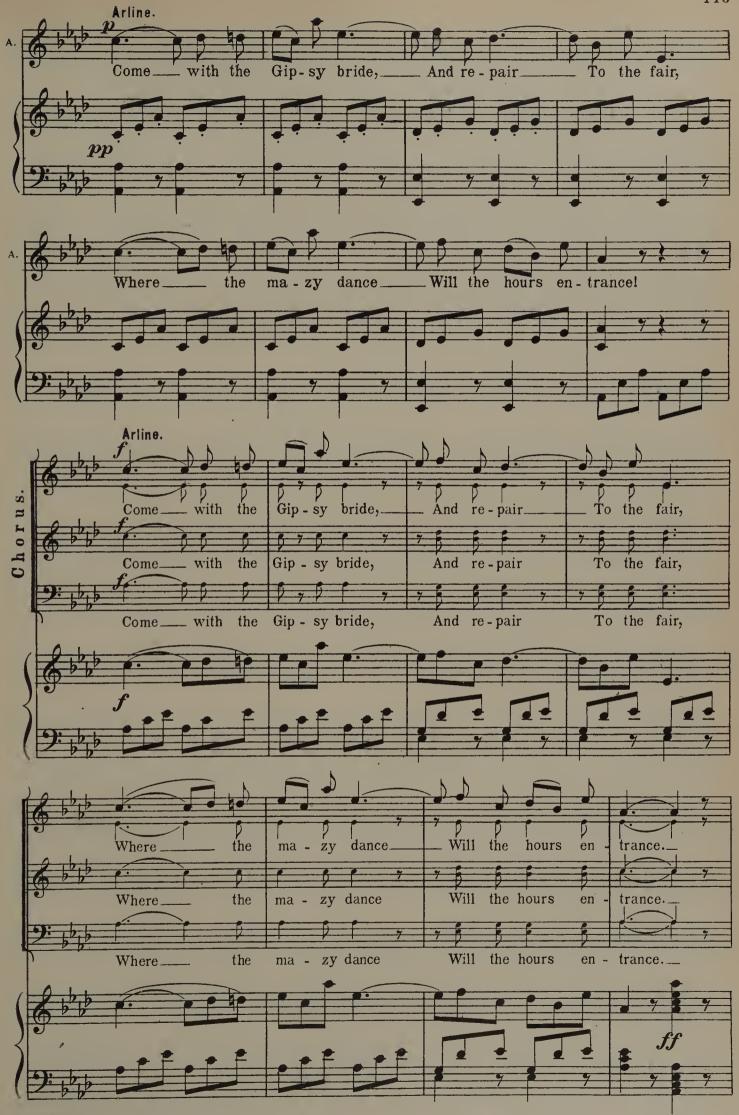
"Come with the Gipsy bride." Romance with Chorus.

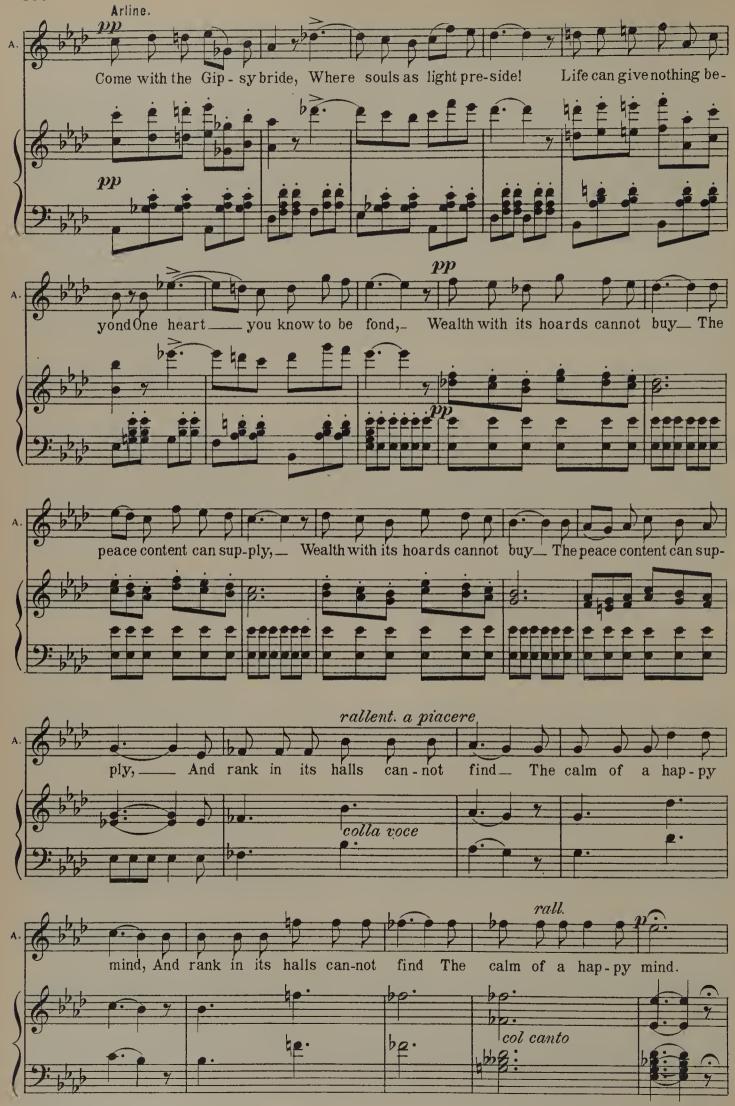
N. B. If sung without the Chorus, the small notes in the accompaniment should be played as a substitute for the voices.



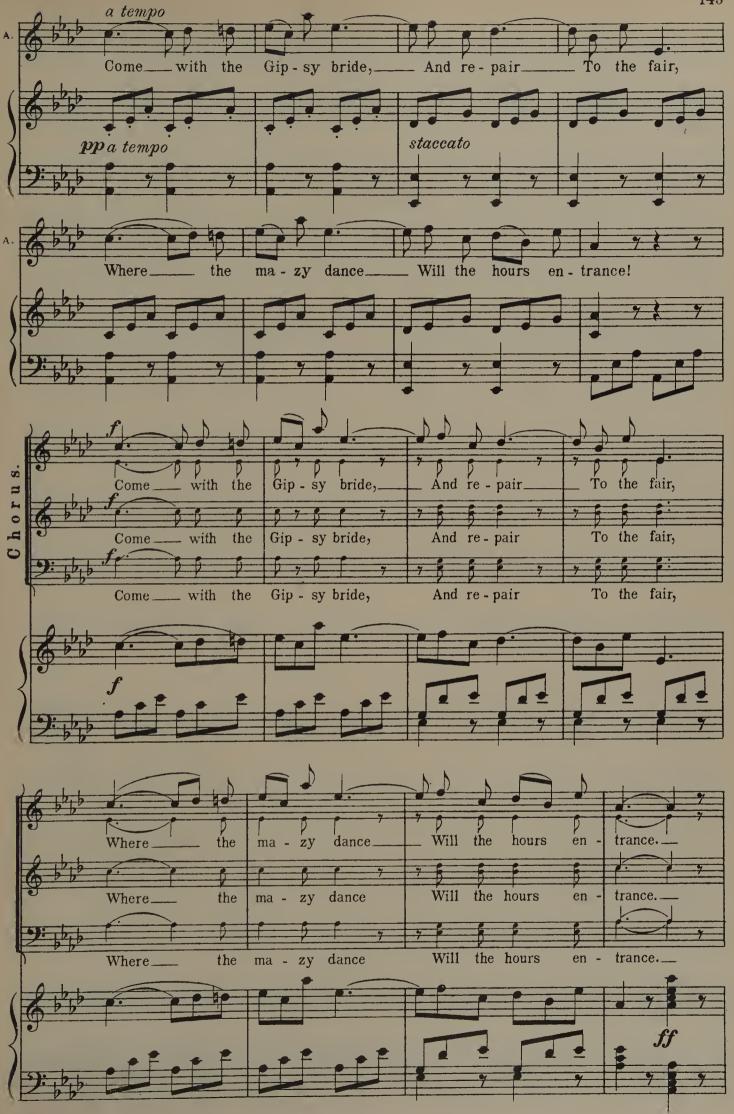


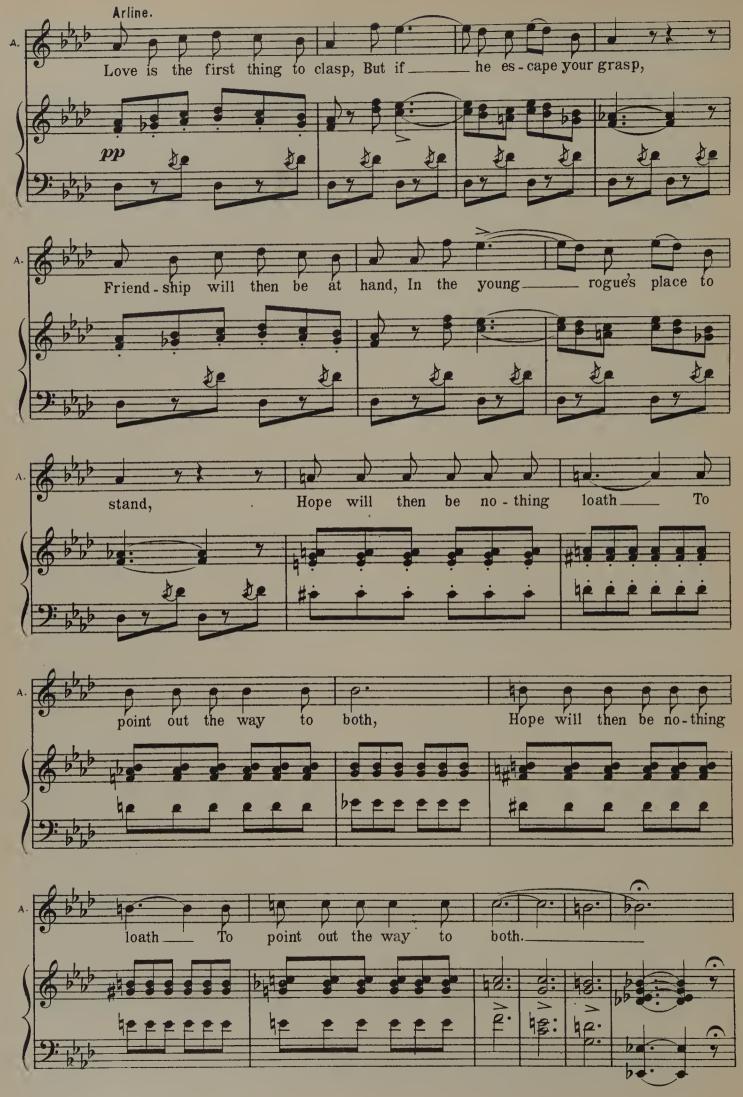
*) On the stage, the first and the last eight measures of Chorus are sung without accompaniment.



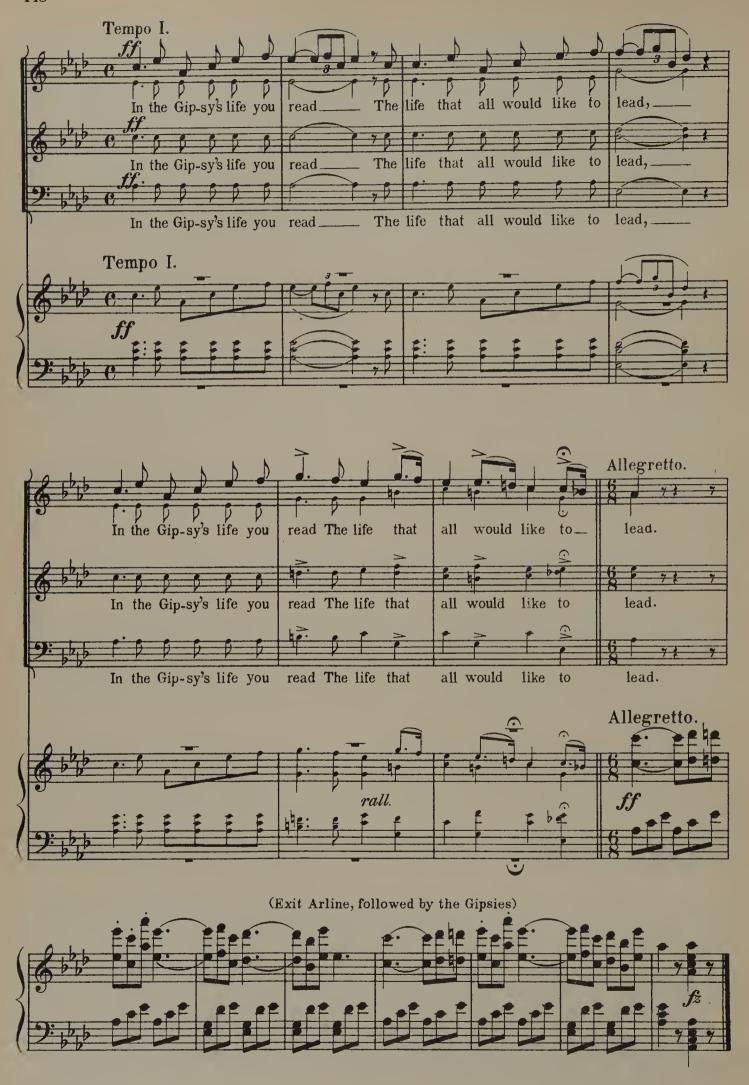










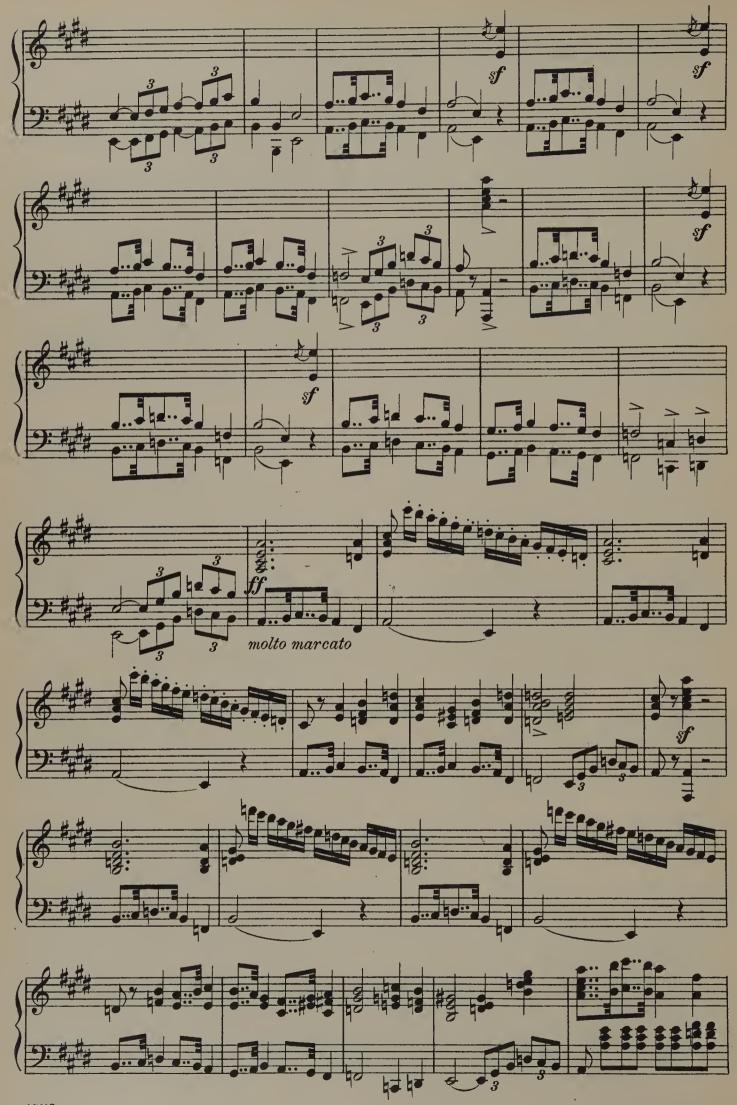


Scene III. A grand Fair in the public Platz (Square) of Presburg. On one side a large hotel, over which is inscribed "The Hall of Justice." Various groups of Gentry, Soldiers, Citizens, and Peasantry cover the stage. Foreign shops are seen in various parts, curious Rope-dancers, Showmen, Waxwork, a Quack Doctor, Exhibitions, etc., etc., are dispersed here and there. Flags hung out of the windows, and ringing of bells, enliven the scene.

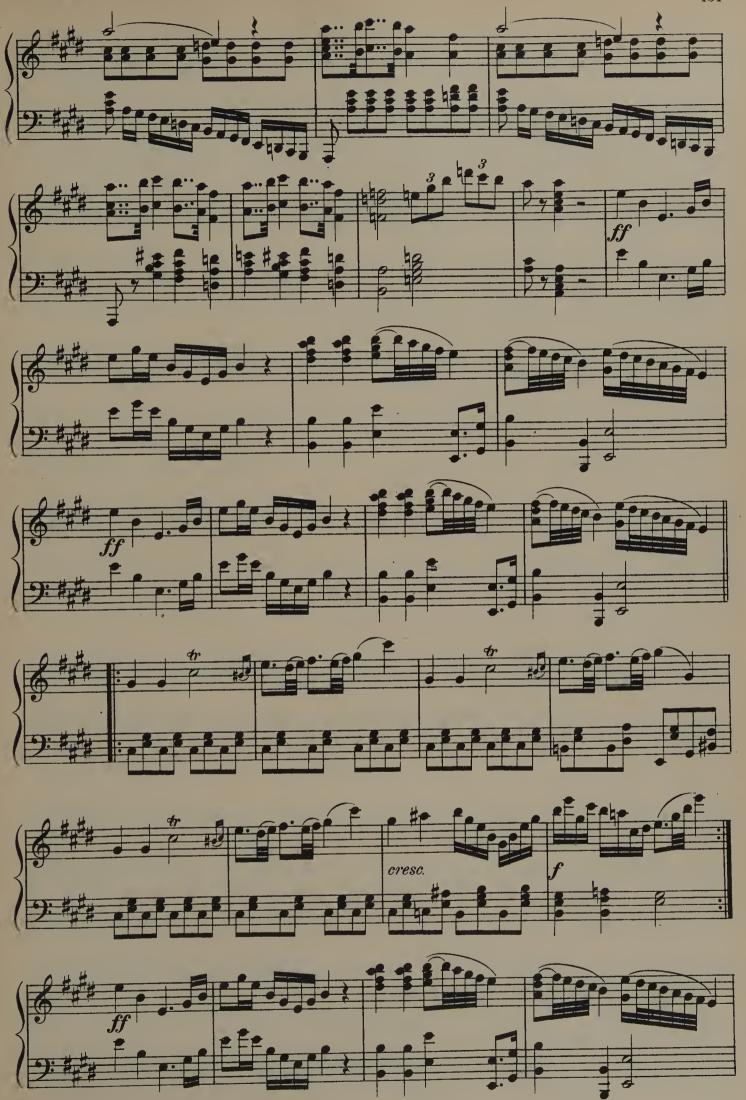
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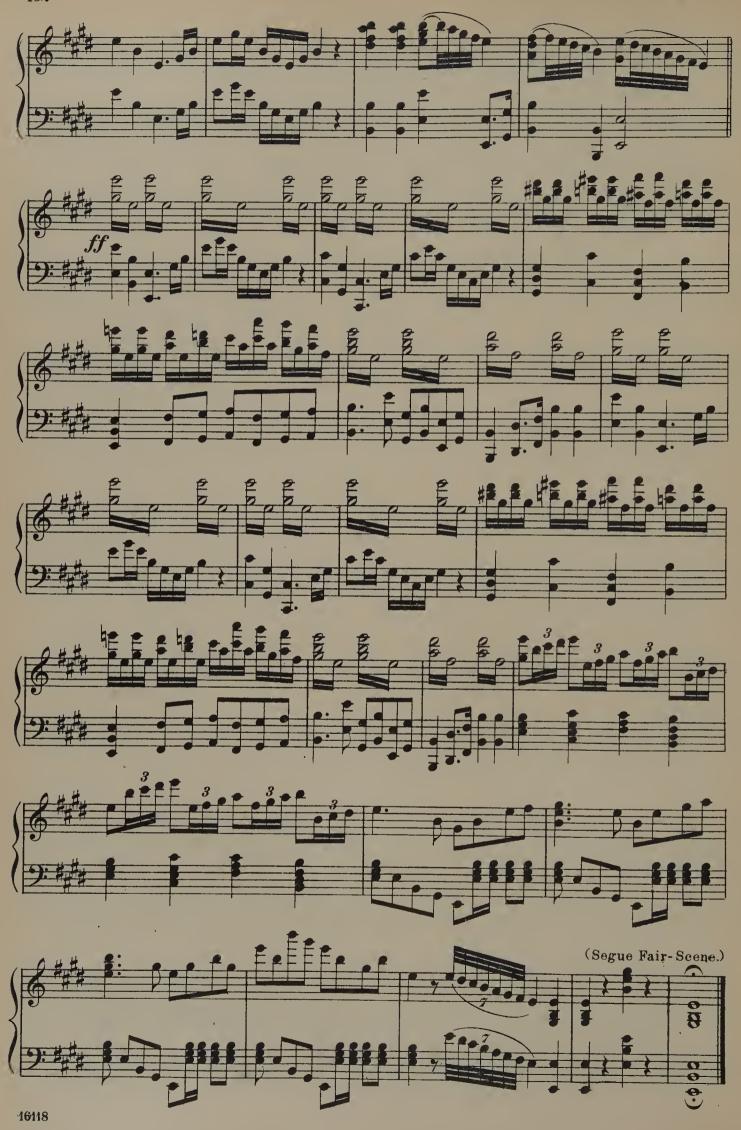
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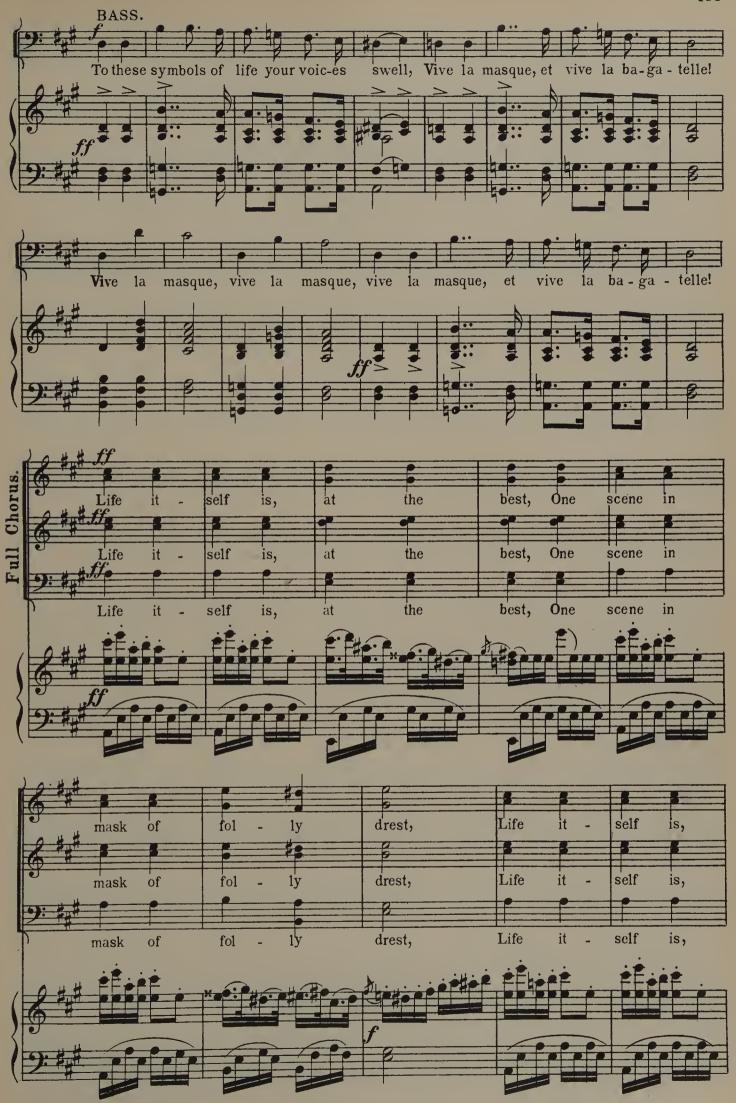


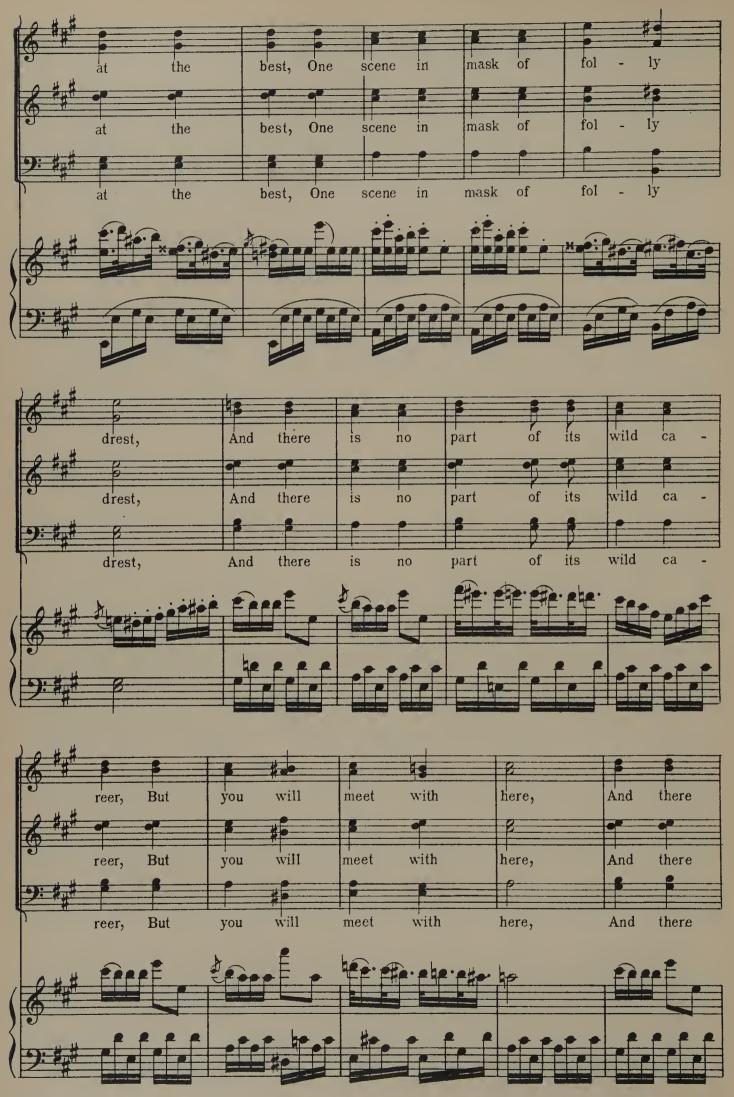
"Life itself is, at the best."

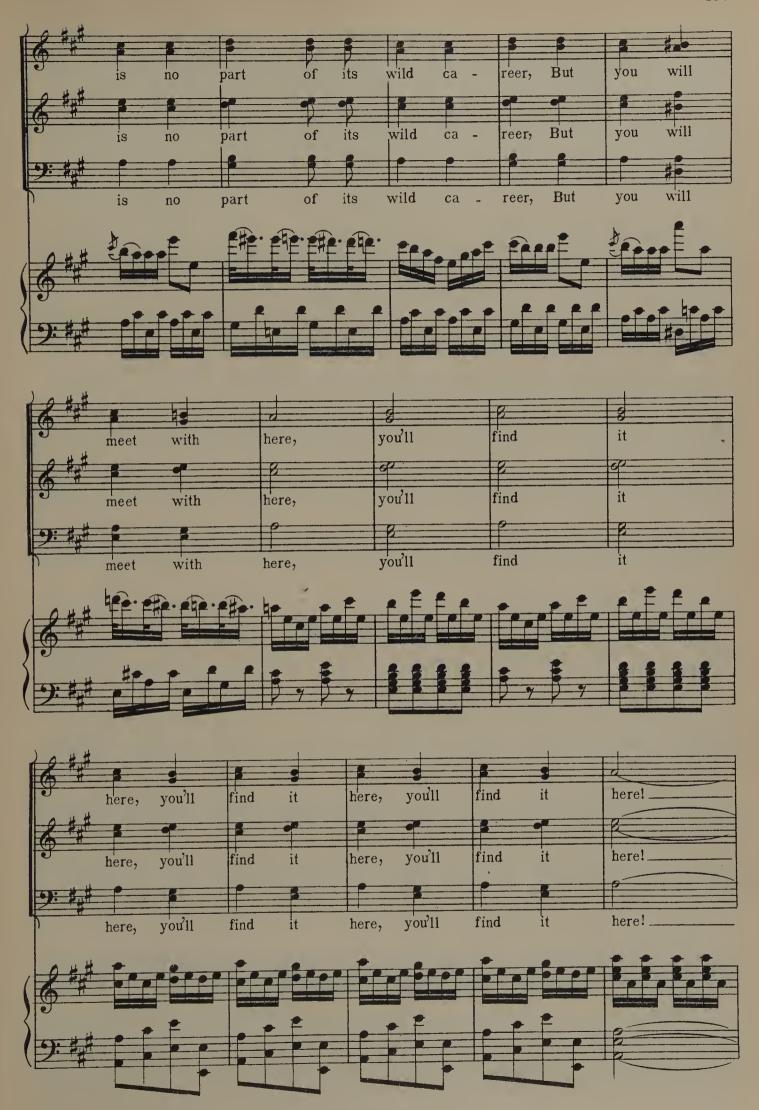
The Fair-Scene.

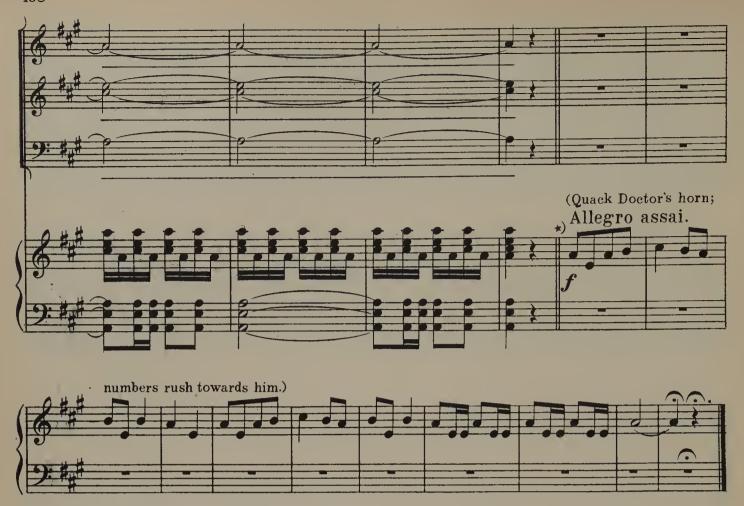










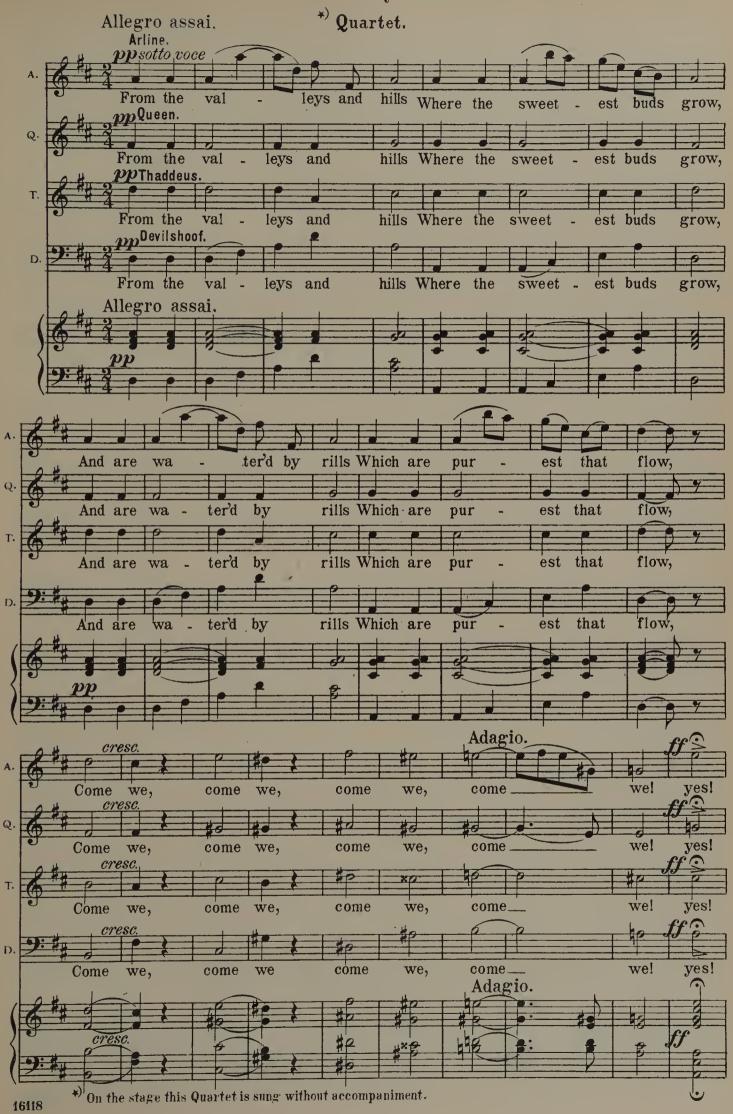


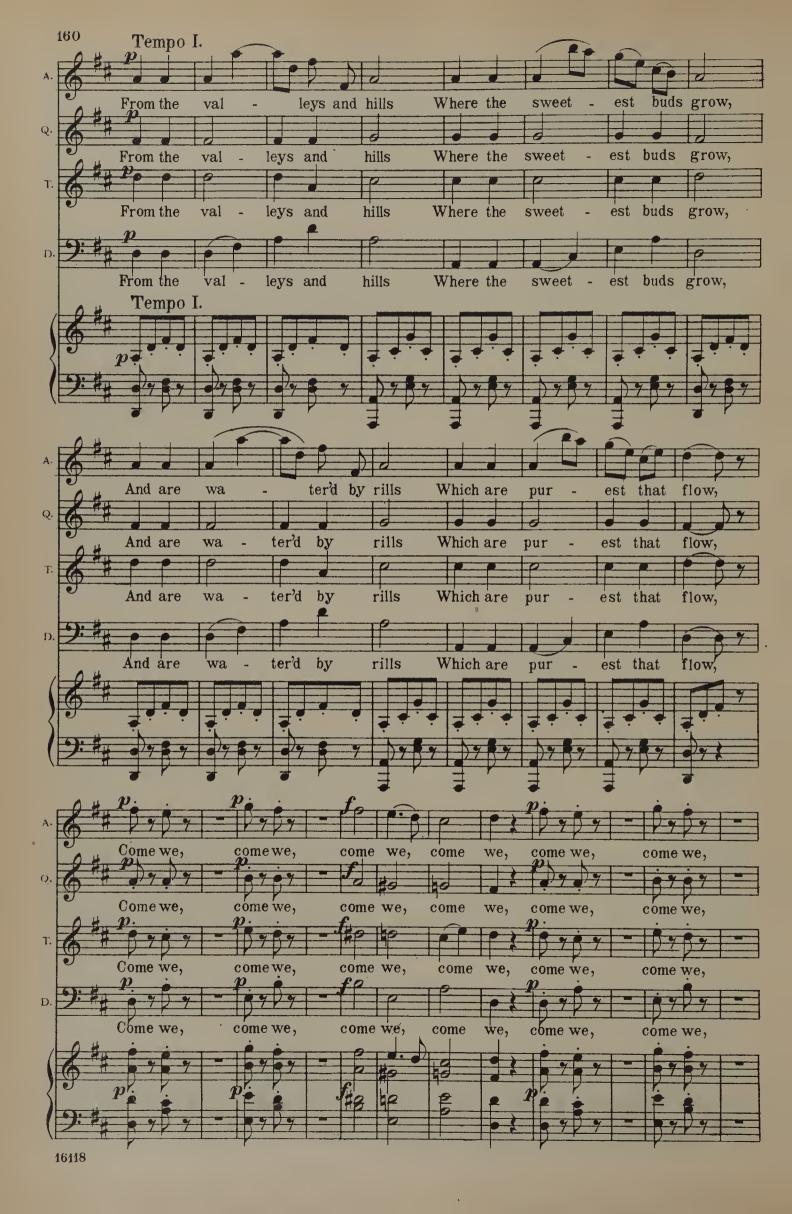
(At the end of the Chorus, and during the Symphony, a movement is perceived at the further end of the Platz, which is followed by the entrance of a double party of men Gipsies, headed by Devilshoof and Thaddeus, who force a passage down the centre of the stage, which they occupy; they then open their ranks, when another file of female Gipsies, headed by their Queen and Arline, pass between them. Florestein and a party are seen watching them with great curiosity.)



^{*)} These 11 measures are now omitted in performance.

"From the valleys and hills."

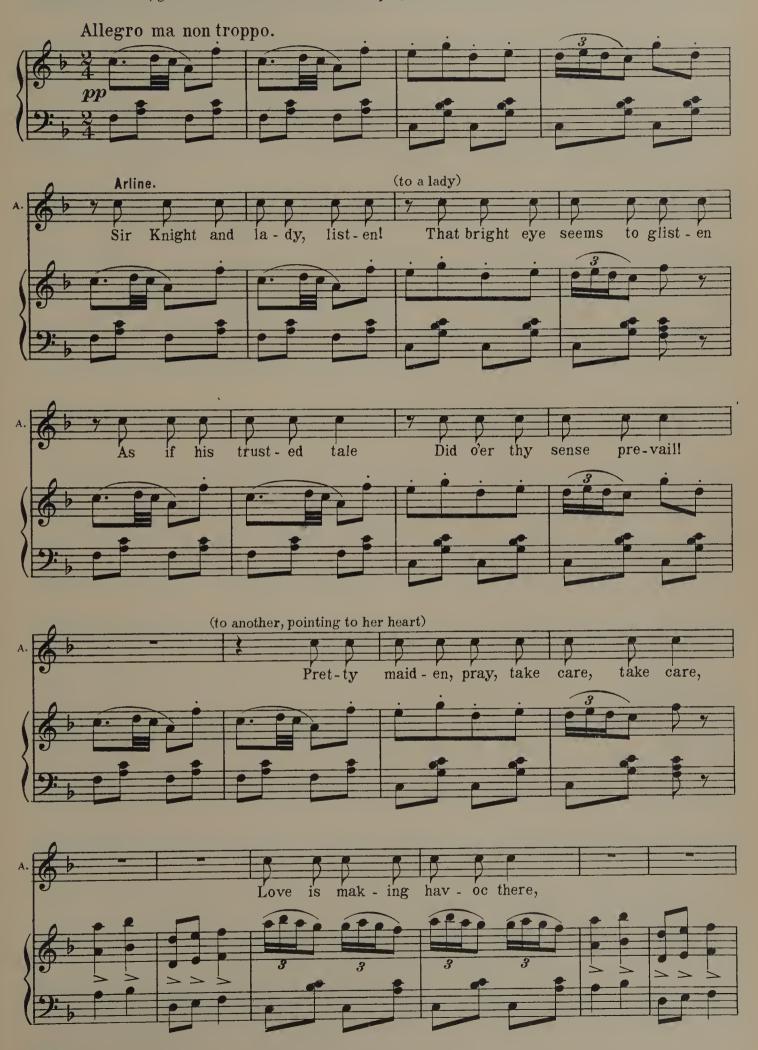


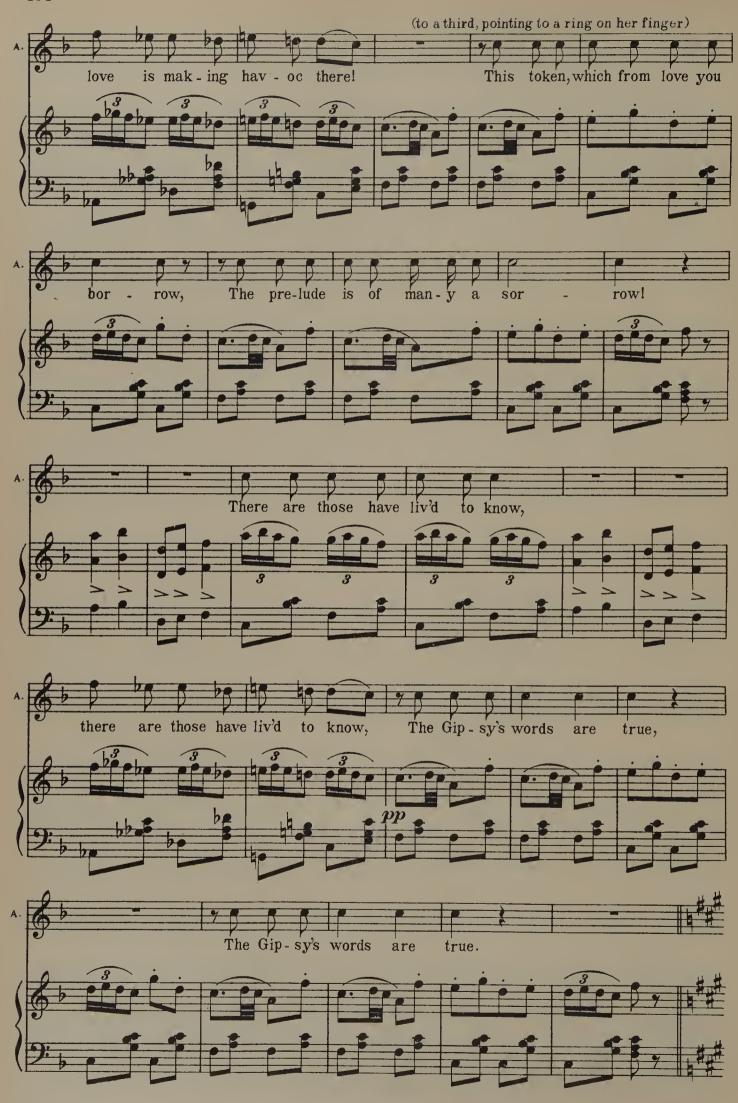


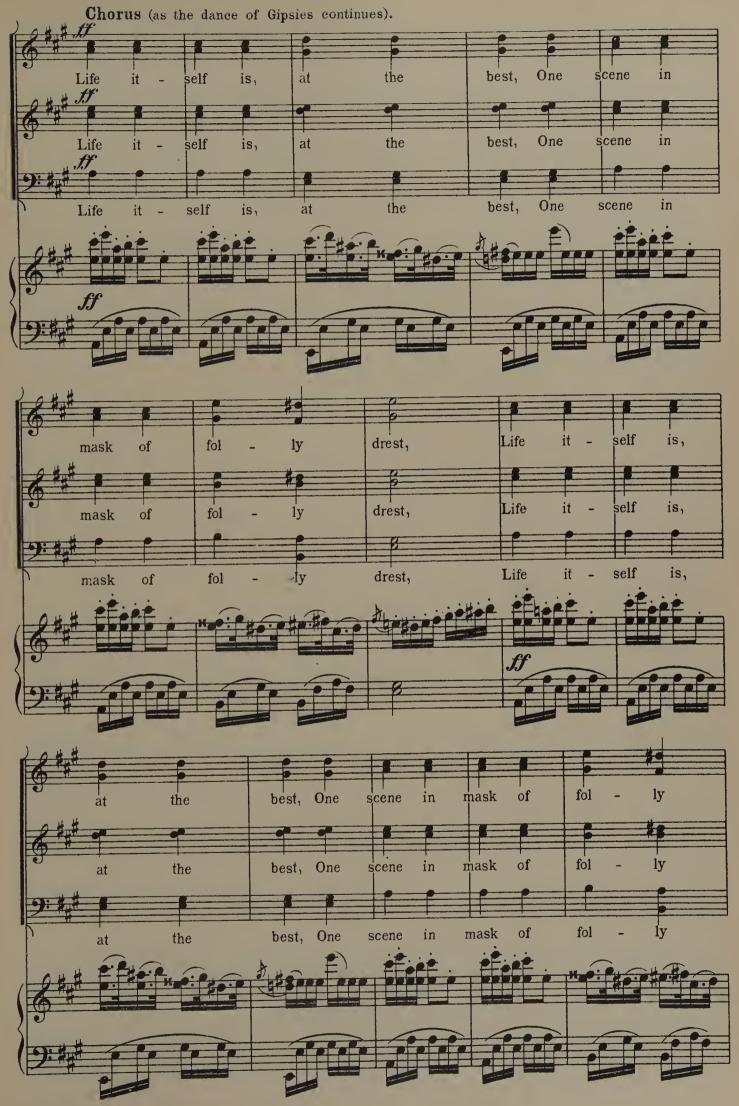




(During this, some of the Gipsies have been enacting characteristic dances, when Arline, carrying a flower-basket in her hand, glides round to the assembled company and sits down.)

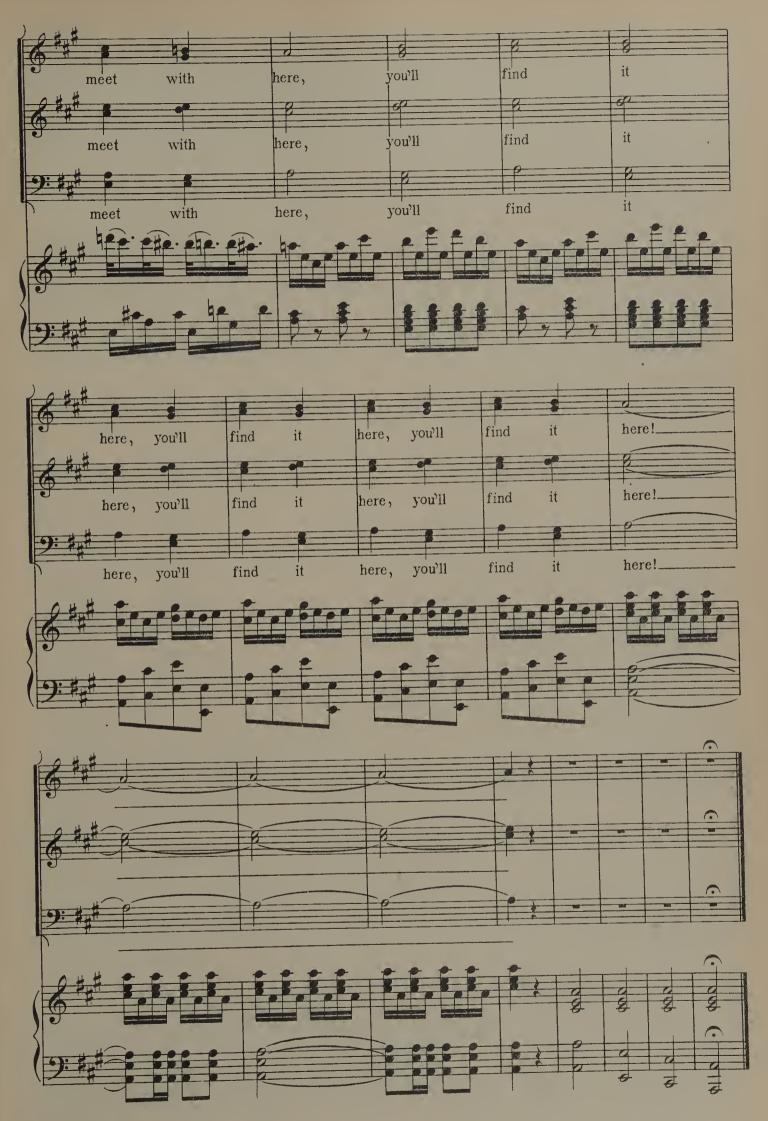












(At the end of the dance and chorus, Count Arnheim and some Officers of State enter; his hair has become grey, his step is slow, and his appearance is that of sorrow. He is accosted by Florestein.)

Florestein. My dear uncle, it delights me to see you amongst us, and here is a little Gipsy girl that would delight you still more, (aside) if you had my blood in your veins; she's positively a charming creature.

Count. I have lost the taste of joy, and the sight of youth and beauty recalls to my memory that treasure of both, my loved and lost Arline.

(He gazes attentively at Arline, sighs heavily, then exit with his retinue into the Hall of Justice.)

Flor. (to a party of his friends). It's no use restraining me_I'm positively smitten. (Breaks from them and goes up to Arline.) Fair creature, your manner has enchanted me, and I would take a lesson from you.

Arline. In politeness, sir? By all means! To begin, then, whenever you address a lady, take your hat off.

Flor. Very smart, (with a titter) 'pon my word, very smart. Your naïveté only increases the feelings of admiration and devotion which a too susceptible heart_

Arline (bursting out laughing). Ha! ha! ha! Flor. Your indifference will drive me to despair. Arline. Will it really?

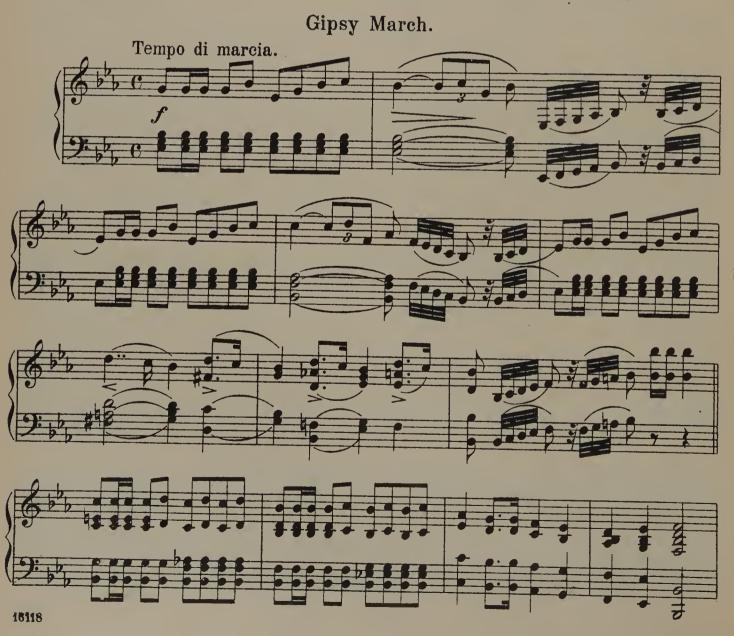
Flor. Do not mock me, but pity my too susceptible nature, and let me print one kiss upon_

(Here Arline gives him a violent slap on the face; the Queen, who has gone up the stage with Thaddeus, now brings him on one side and points out the situation of Arline and Florestein—he is about to rush upon Florestein just as Arline has slapped his face; so that as Flor. turns round, he finds himself between the two, and both are laughing in his face.)

Queen (eyeing Florestein). It is the very person from whom they stole the trinkets I made them give back again. (Taking the medallion from her bosom.) This, too, is his, and now my project thrives. (Florestein turns up the stage to join his party, and the Queen crosses to Arline.) You have acted well your part, and thus your Queen rewards you. (Places the medallion round her neck.) Forget not the hand that gave it.

Arline (kneeling, and kissing the Queen's hand). Let this bespeak my gratitude.

Queen. And now let our tribe depart.





(The Gipsies are all about to march off. Thaddeus and Arline bring up the rear of their body; as they are going off, Florenstein, who, with his friends, has been watching their departure, perceives his medallion on the neck of Arline_he breaks through the crowd, and stops her_she and Thaddeus come forward.)

Florestein. Though you treated me so lightly some moments past, you will not do so now. That medallion is mine; my friends here recognize it.

All. We do! we do! (Here Devilshoof is seen to steal off.)

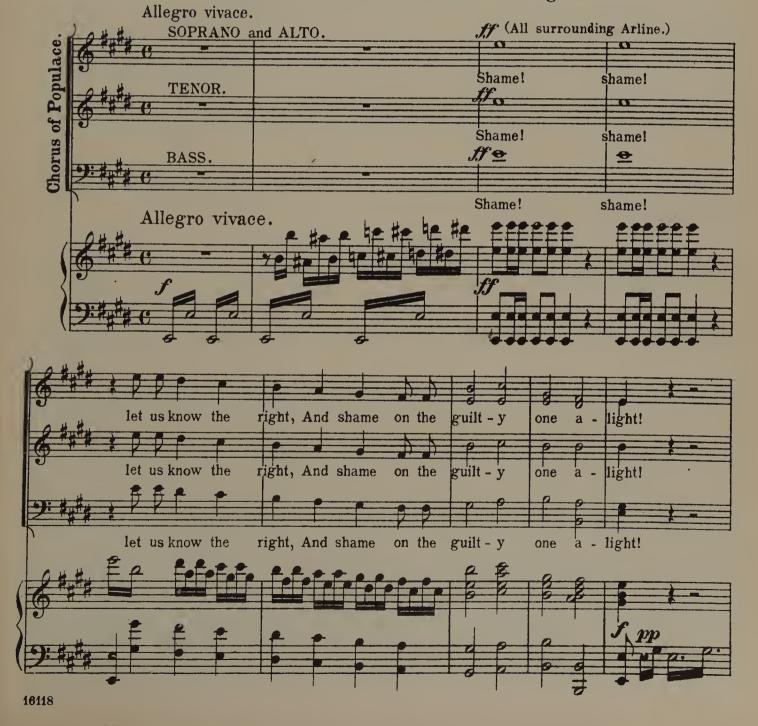
Flor. And I accuse you of having stolen it.

Arline. Stolen! It was this instant given me by our Queen, and she is here to verify my words.

(Arline runs about looking everywhere for the Queen.)

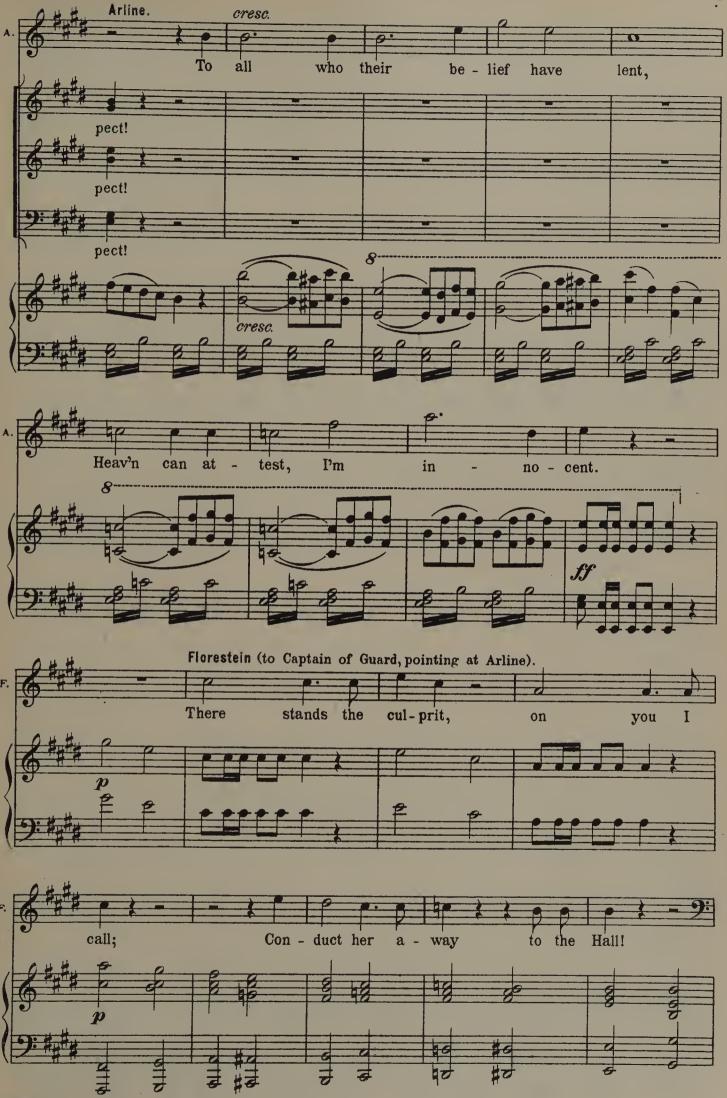
Fior. That's an everyday sort of subterfuge. (To the crowd.) Worthy people and friends, that medallion on her neck belongs to me, and I accuse her or her accomplices of having robbed me.

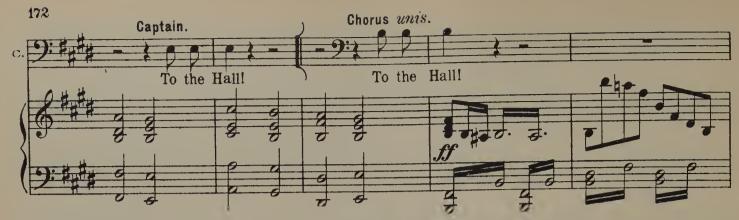
"Shame! Shame! Let us know the right?"



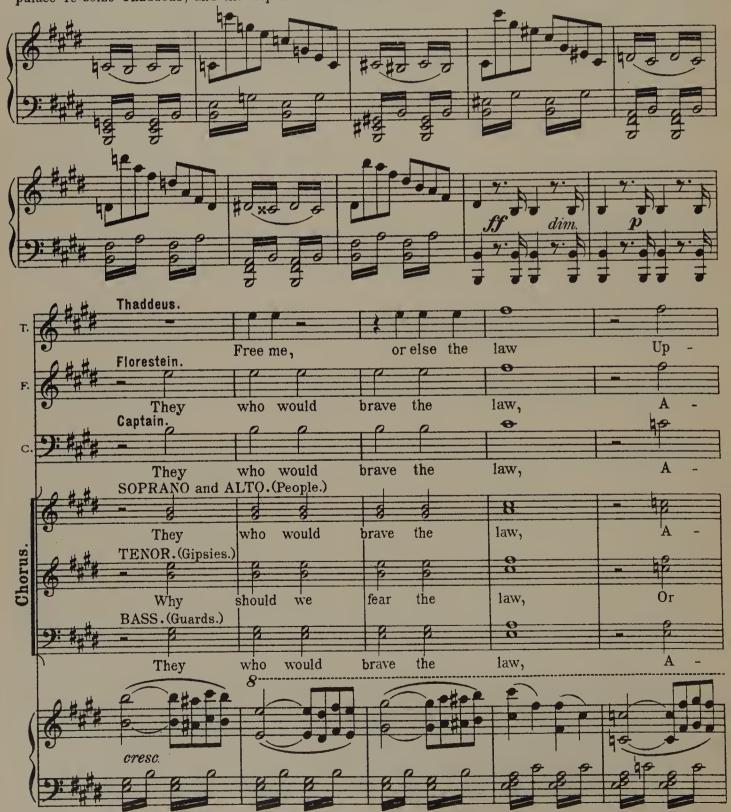


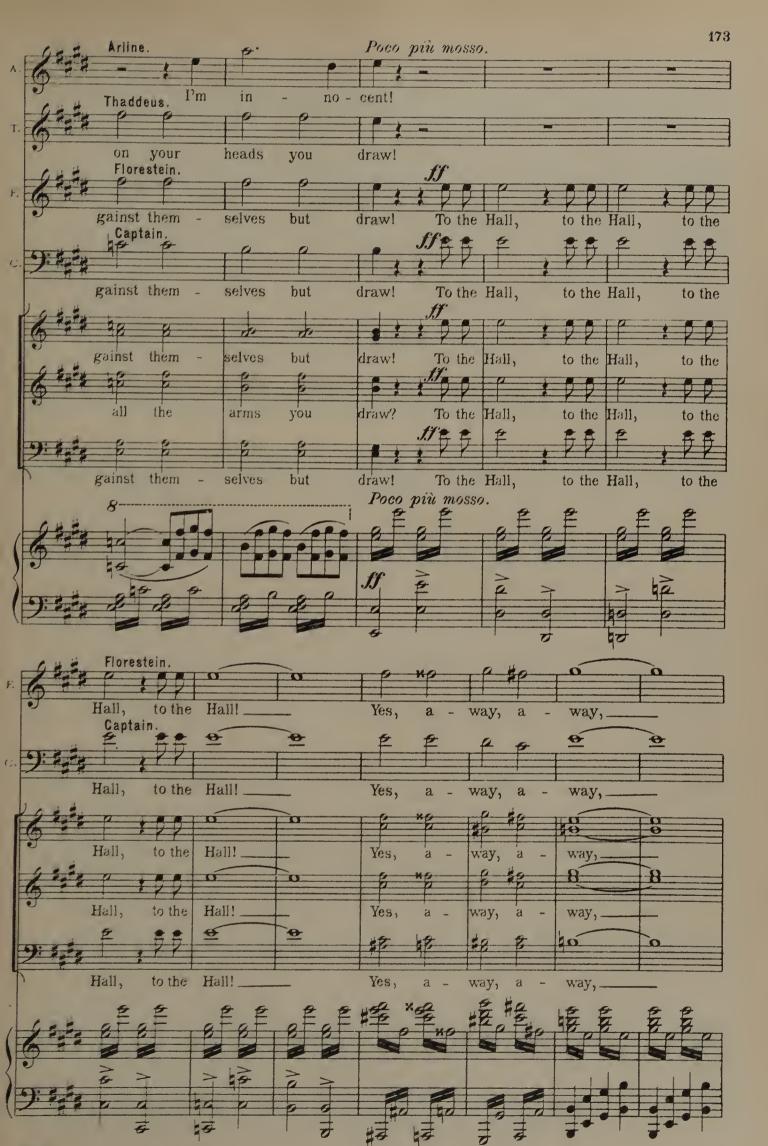
(Florestein, who has, during this movement, entered the Hall of Justice, is now seen returning, followed by a strong guard, who file off on each side of the steps.)

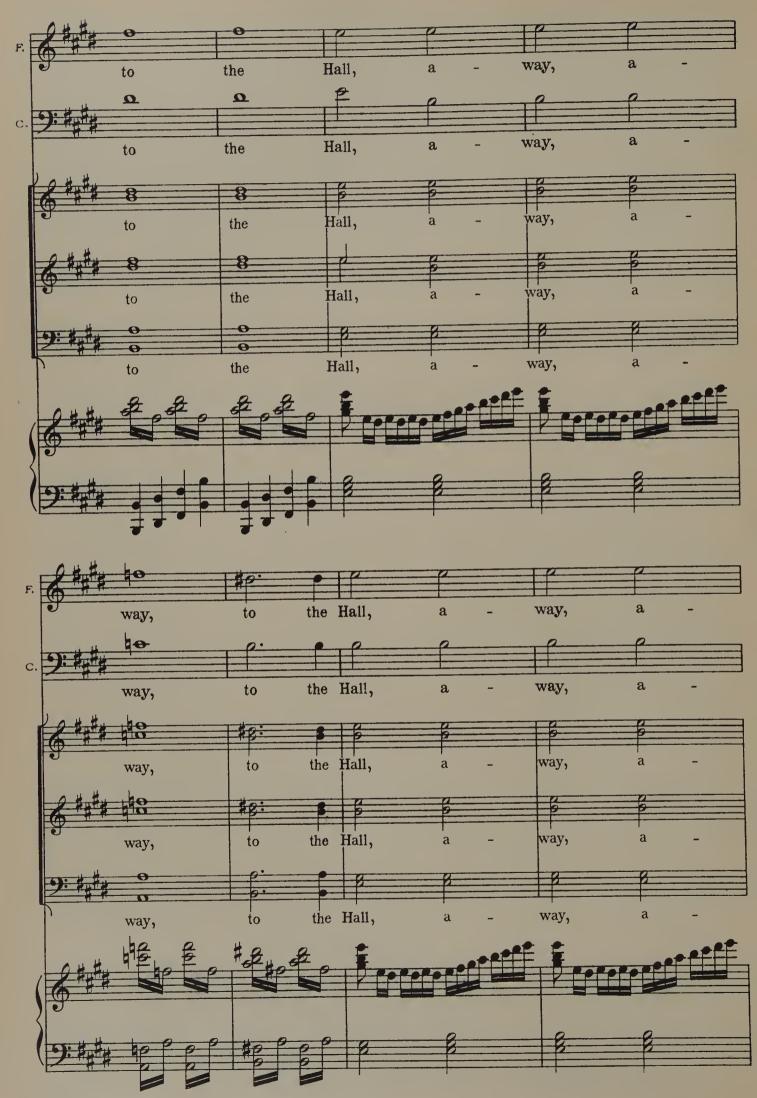


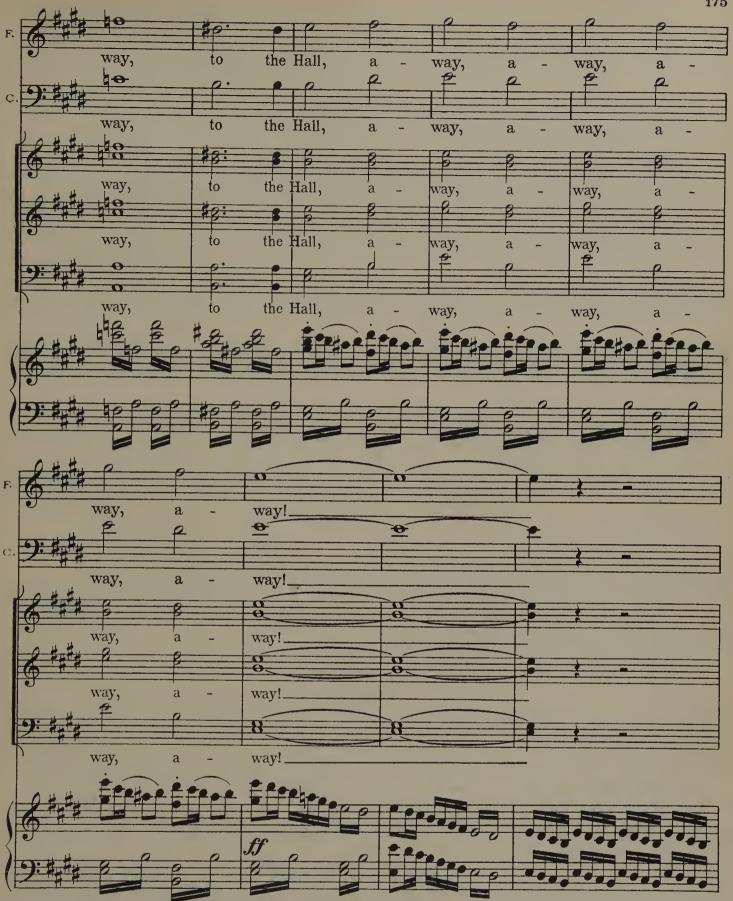


(Arline looks at him with great contempt; the Gipsies, perceiving her danger, range themselves around her. Thaddeus breaks from those who are holding him, and rushes up to her. Florestein has got behind the Captain of the Guard, who gives orders for his men to seize Arline, upon which the Gipsies draw their daggers. A conflict ensues, in which the Guard maintains possession of Arline. A body of the populace re-seize Thaddeus, and the Gipsies are routed.)





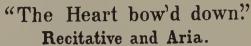


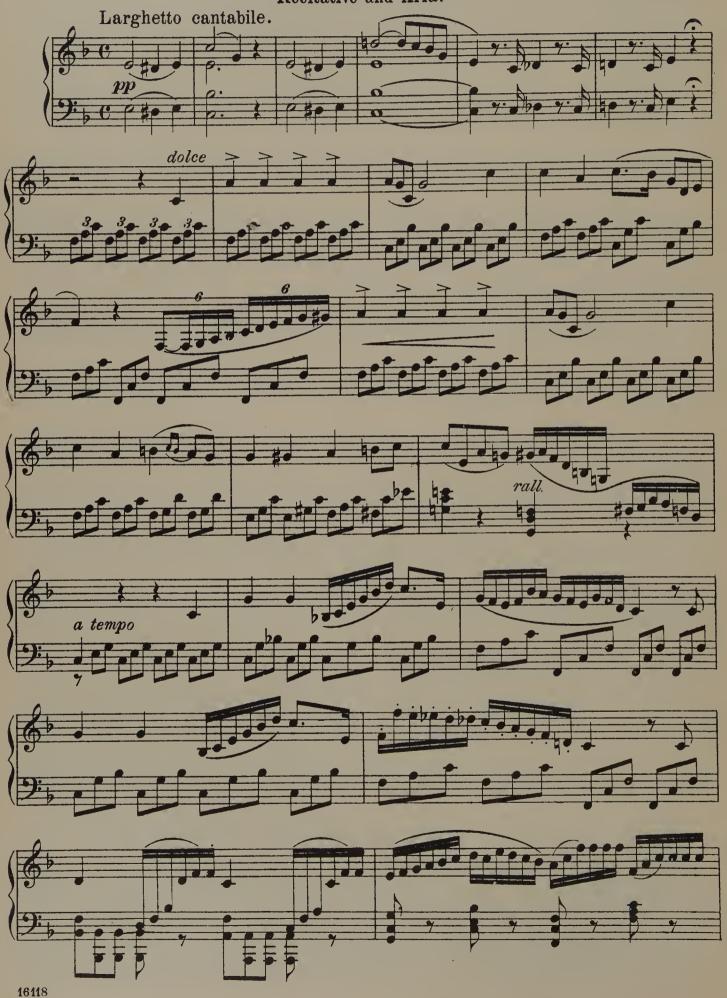


(Arline is conducted by a file of the Guard, led by the Captain, and preceded by Florestein and his party, into the Hall of Justice; the people follow in a mass, while Thaddeus is detained by those who first seized him; and as Arline is going up the steps, the figure of the Queen is seen, in an attitude of triumph over her rival's fall.)



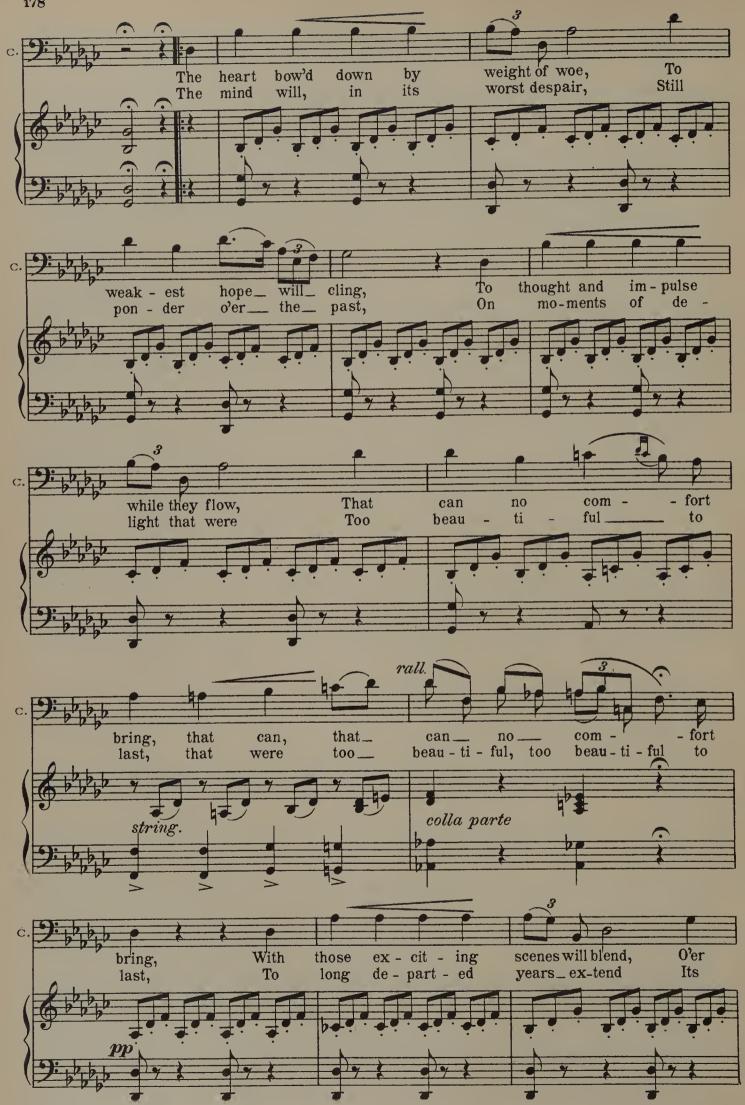
Scene W._ Interior of Count Arnheim's apartment in the Hall of Justice_a view of the last Scene visible through one of the windows at the back. A full-length portrait of Arline, as she was in Act I, hangs on the wall; state chairs, etc. A elevation or dais on the O.P. side.

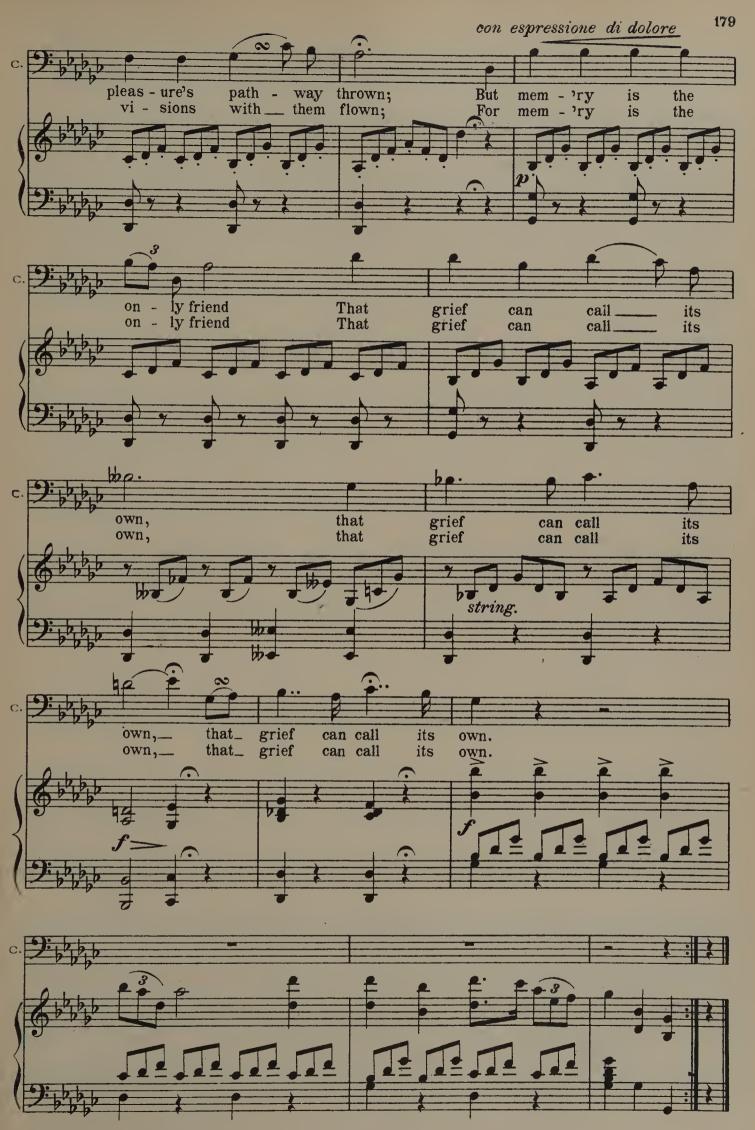












(At the end of the song, a confused noise is heard outside, when the Captain of the Guard enters.)

Captain. A robbery has been committed, and the accused is now in the Hall awaiting the pleasure of your lordship, as chief magistrate of the city, for examination.

Count. Bring the parties before me.

(The Captain arranges the magisterial chair O.P., bows and exit.)

Anything to arouse me from these distracting thoughts, though the sole happiness I now enjoy is in the recollection of my longlost child.

(Seats himself, when the doors are violently opened, and a mob of Citizens, Guards, and Gentry enter. Florestein, who is in the midst of them, instantly rushes up to the Count.)

Florestein. It is your lordship's nephew, I, who have been robbed!

Count. Some folly of yours is for ever compromising my name and that of your family.

Flor. But I am in this instance the victim _ I have been robbed, and there stands the culprit.

(Pointing to Arline, standing in the centre, pale and with dishevelled hair, but still haughty in her demeanor.)

Count (aside). 'Tis she I saw but now in the public square. That girl, so young, so beautiful, commit a robbery? Impossible!

Flor. She stole this medallion belonging to mewer found it upon her.

Count (addressing Arline). Can this be true?

Arline (looking contemptuously at Florestein, and turning with dignity to the Count). Heaven knows I am innocent, and if your lordship knew my heart, you would not deem me guilty.

Count (aside). Her words sink deep into my breast. Childless myself, I fain would spare the child of another. (To Florestein.) What proofs have you of this?

Flor. (pointing to his friends). My witnesses are here, who all can swear they saw it on her neck.

All. We can.

Count. Still does my mind misgive me. (To Arline, in a kind tone.) My wish is to establish your innocence—explain this matter to me, and without fear.

Arline. That medallion was given to me by the Queen of the tribe to which I belong. How it came into her possession, I know not. But a light breaks in upon me_I see it all_I chanced to incur her displeasure; and to revenge herself upon me, she has laid for me this shameless snare, into which I have innocently fallen, and of which I have become the victim.

(Hiding her face in her hands, and weeping.)

Count (with a struggle). I believe your tale, and from my heart I pity the inexperience which has led to the ruin of one, who seems above the grade of those she herds with; but in the fulfilment of duty I must compromise the feelings of nature, and I am forced to deliver you into the hands of Justice.

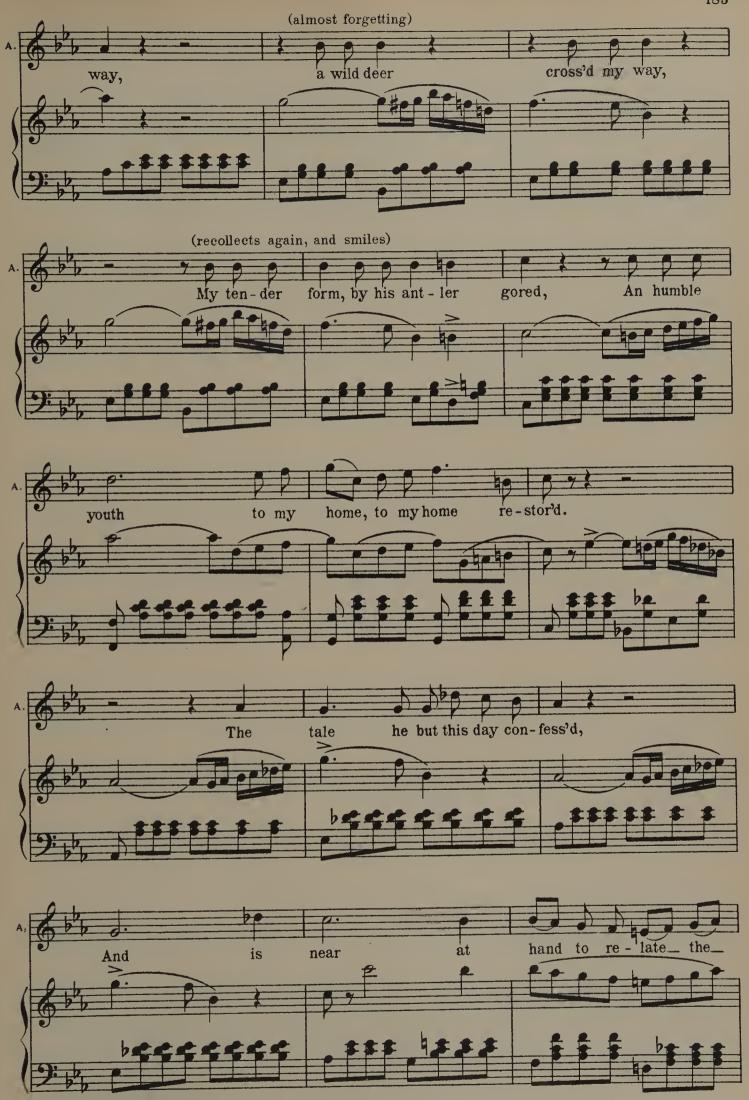
Arline (to the Count). To you, my earthly, to Him, my heavenly Judge, I re-assert my innocence. I may be accused, but will not be degraded, and from the infamy with which I am unjustly threatened, thus I free myself.

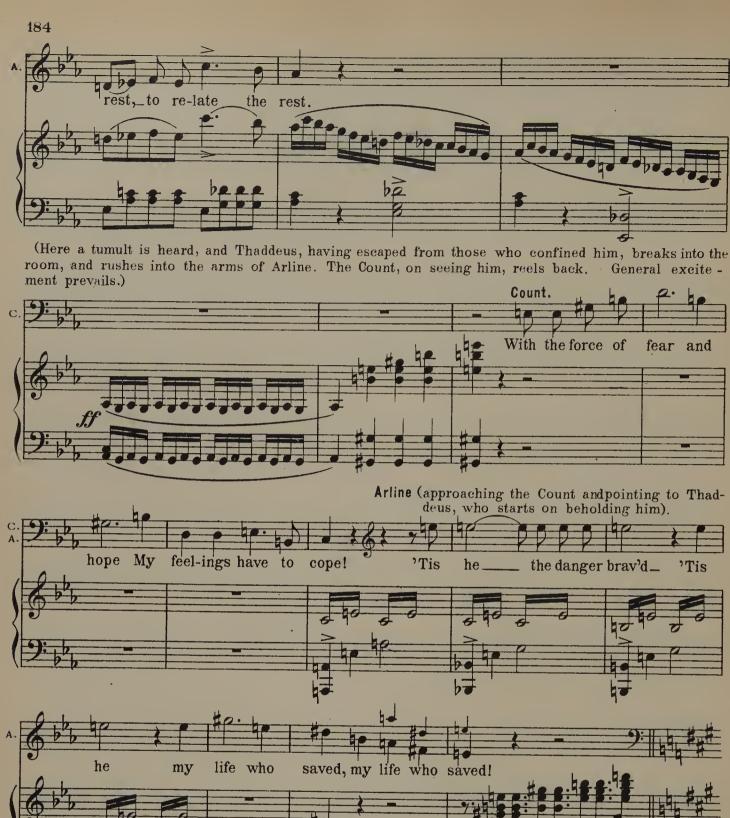
(She draws a dagger from beneath her scarf, and is about to stab herself, when Count Arnheim rushes forward, seizes her arm, and wrests the dagger from her.)

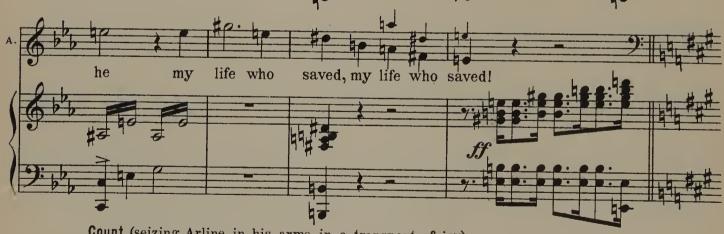


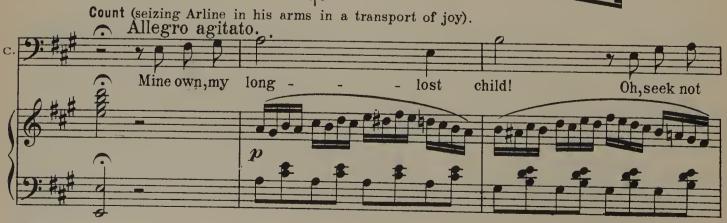


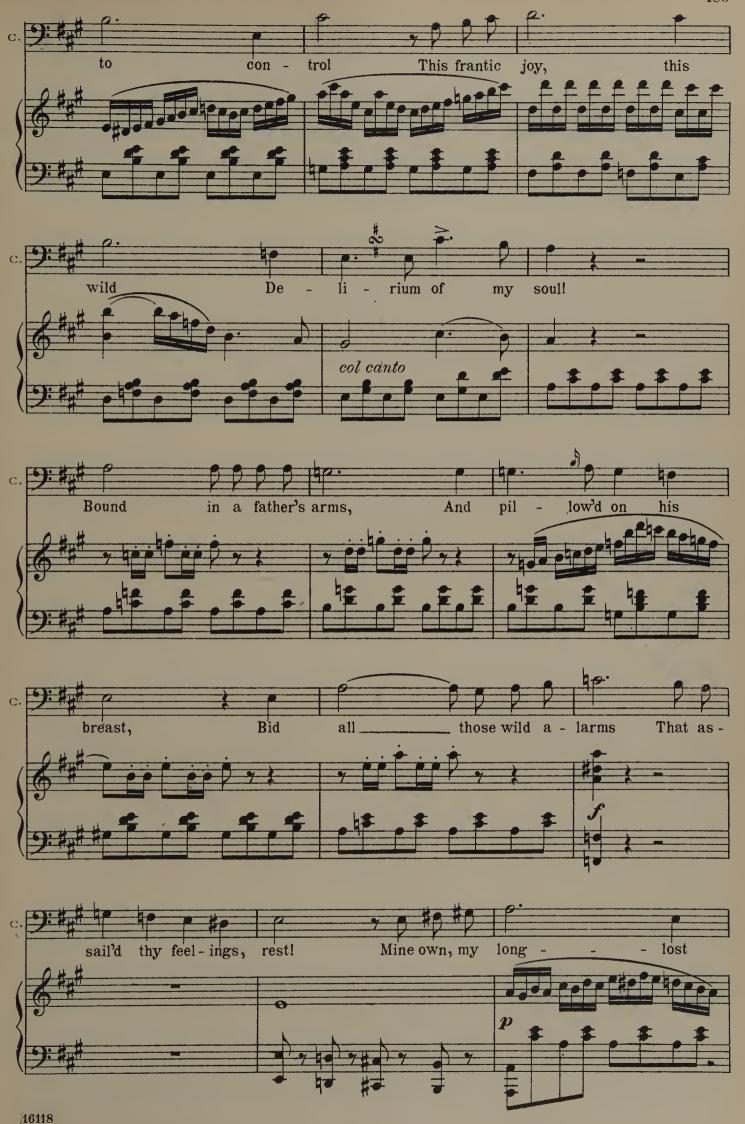


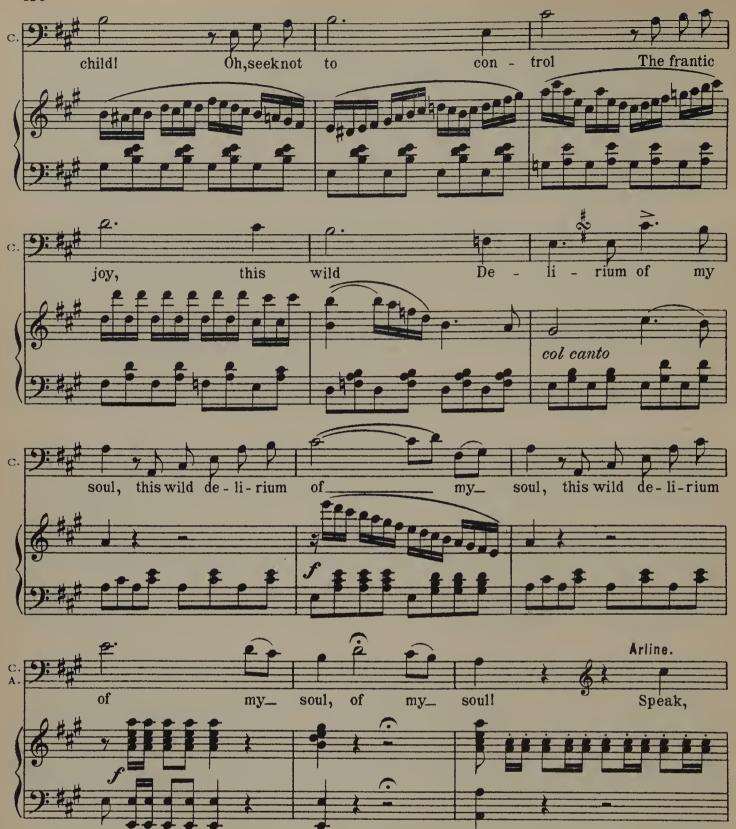






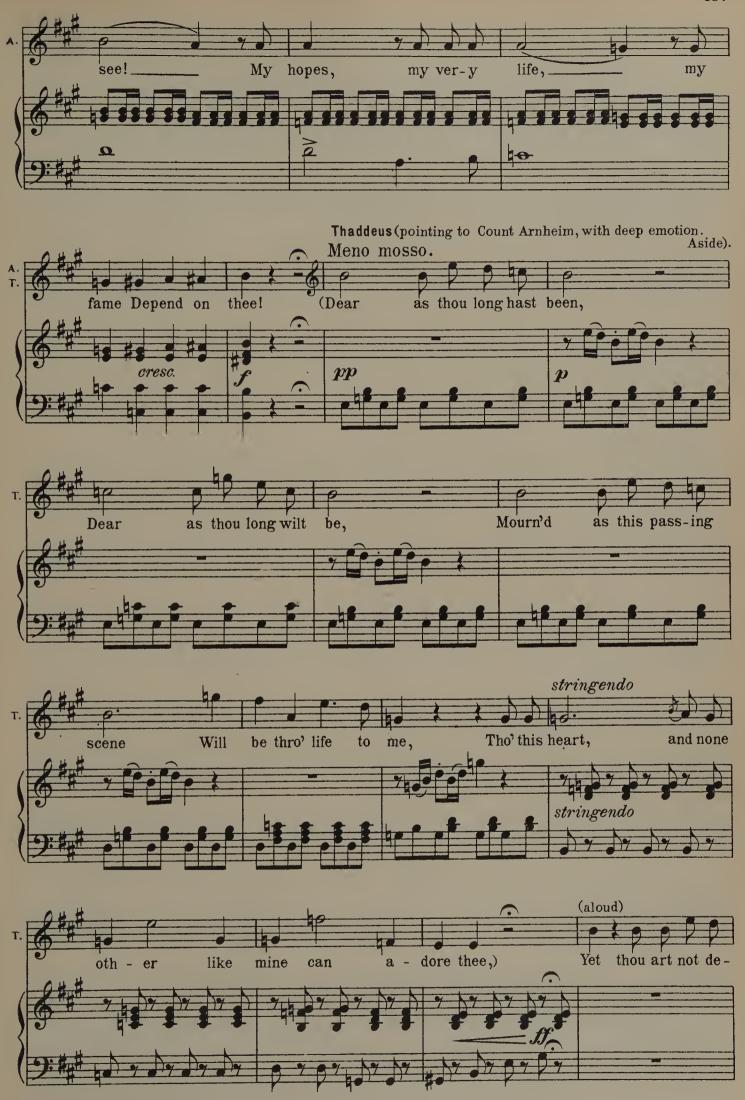


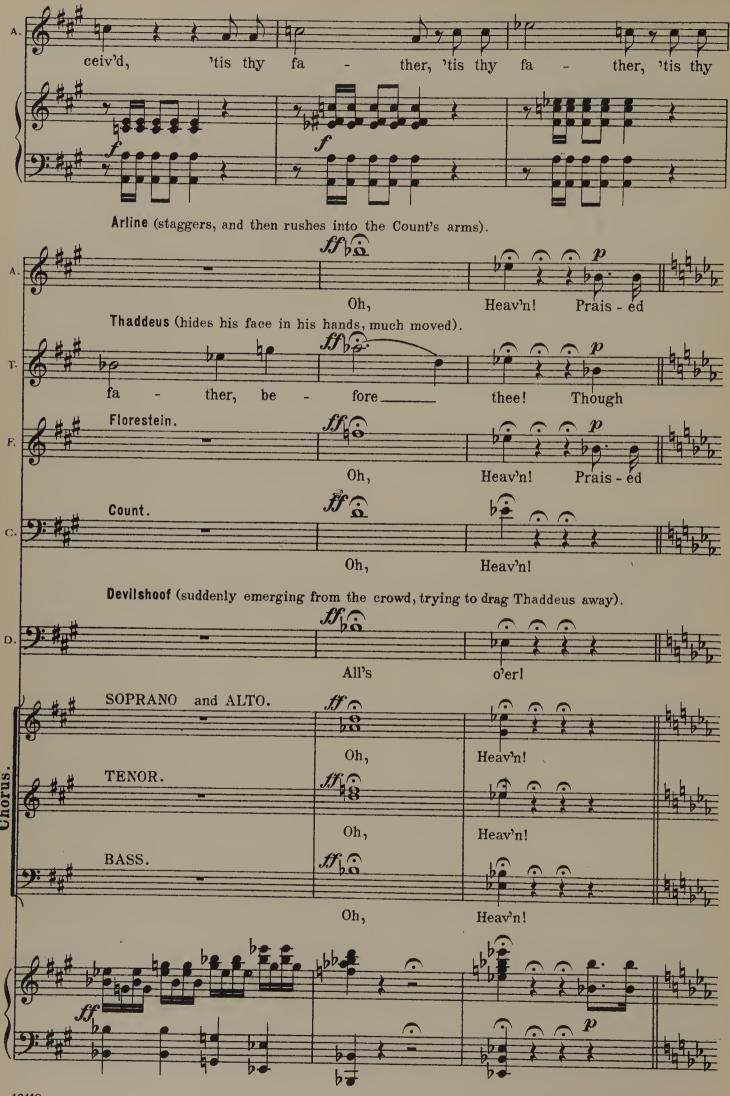


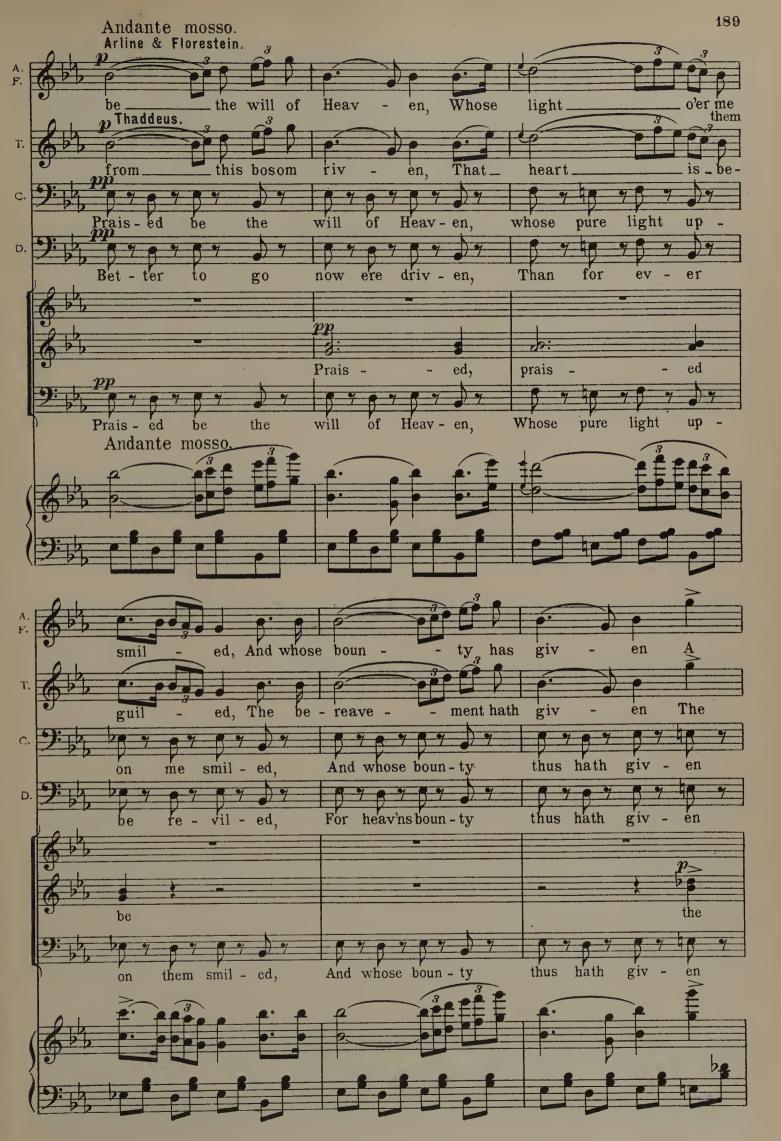


(Count clasps Arline to his heart; kisses her head, hands and hair, shedding tears of joy. Arline, bewildered, starts from the Count and runs to Thaddeus.)

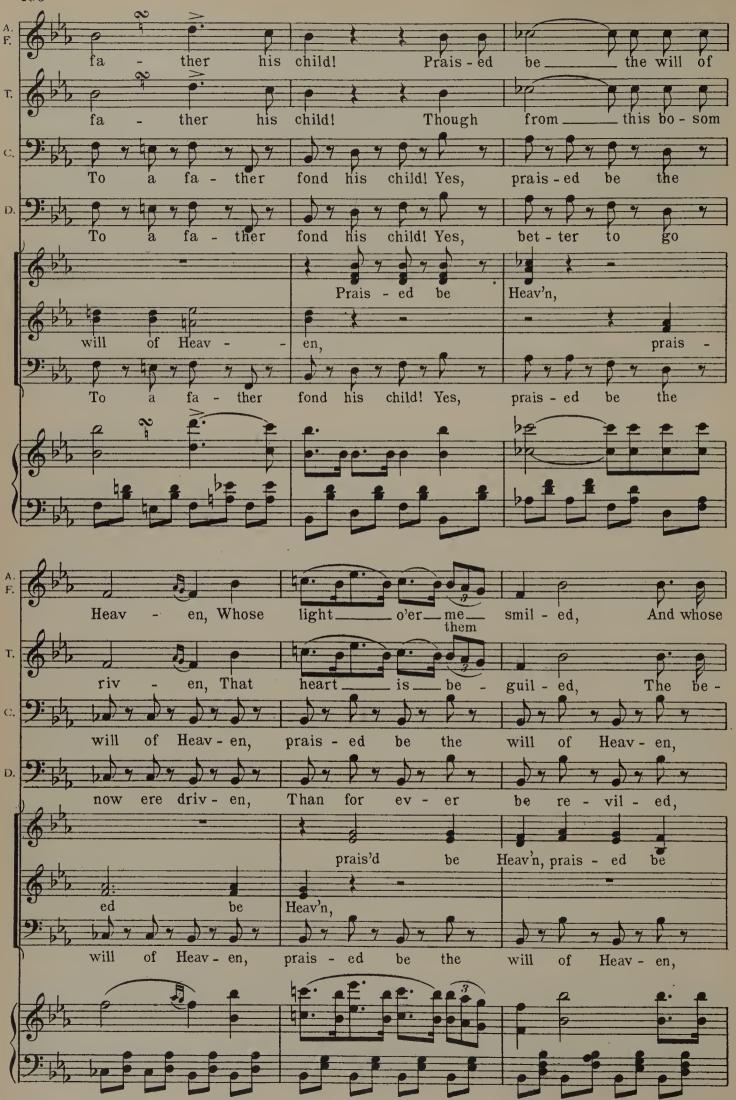


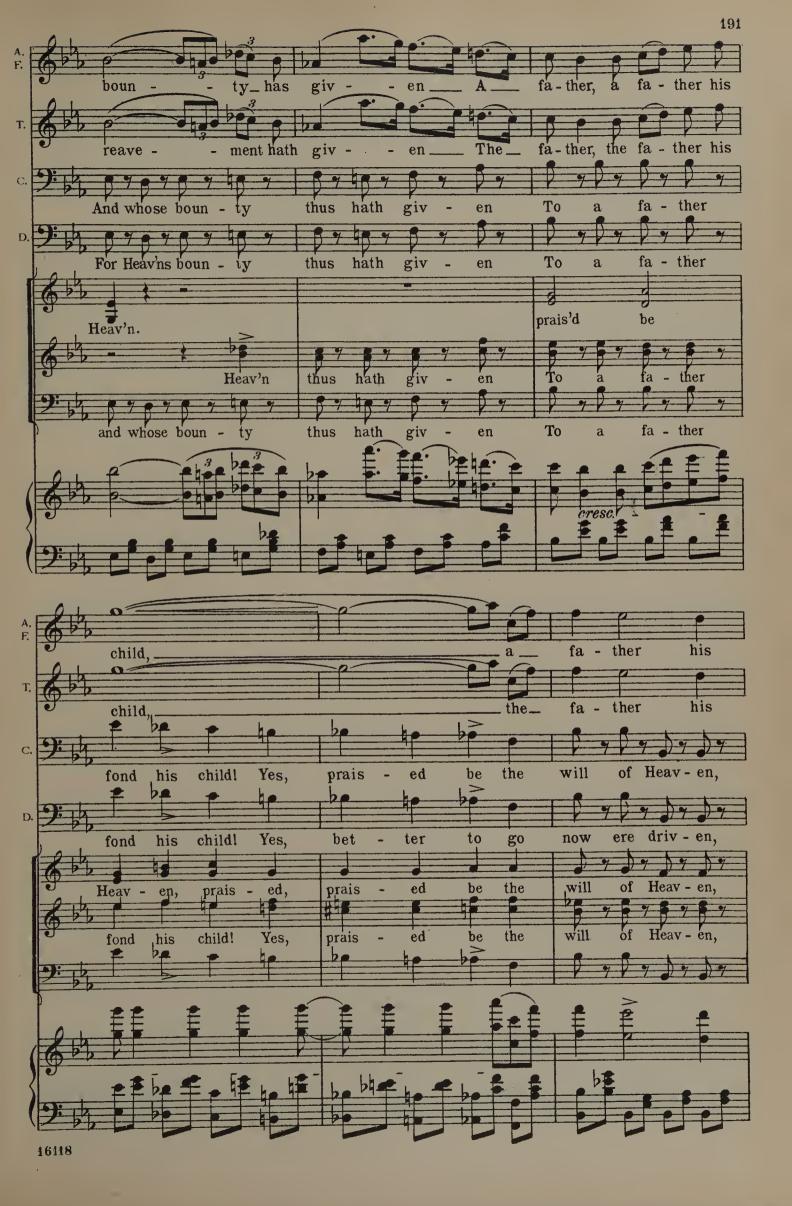






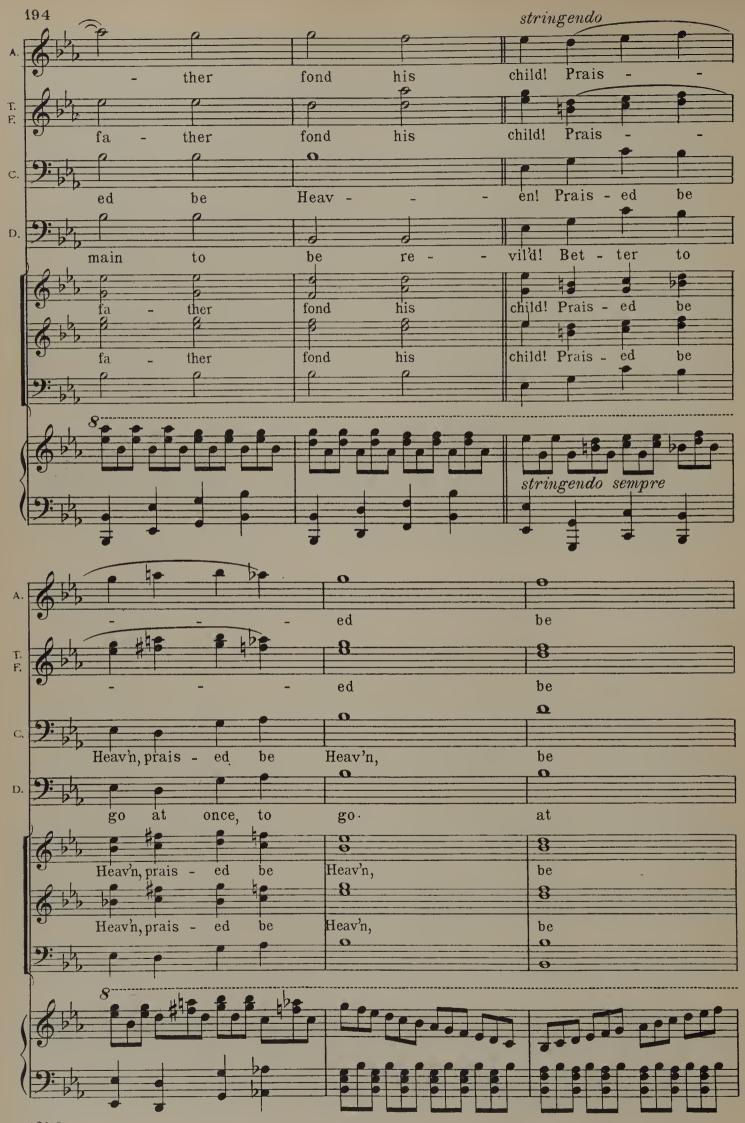


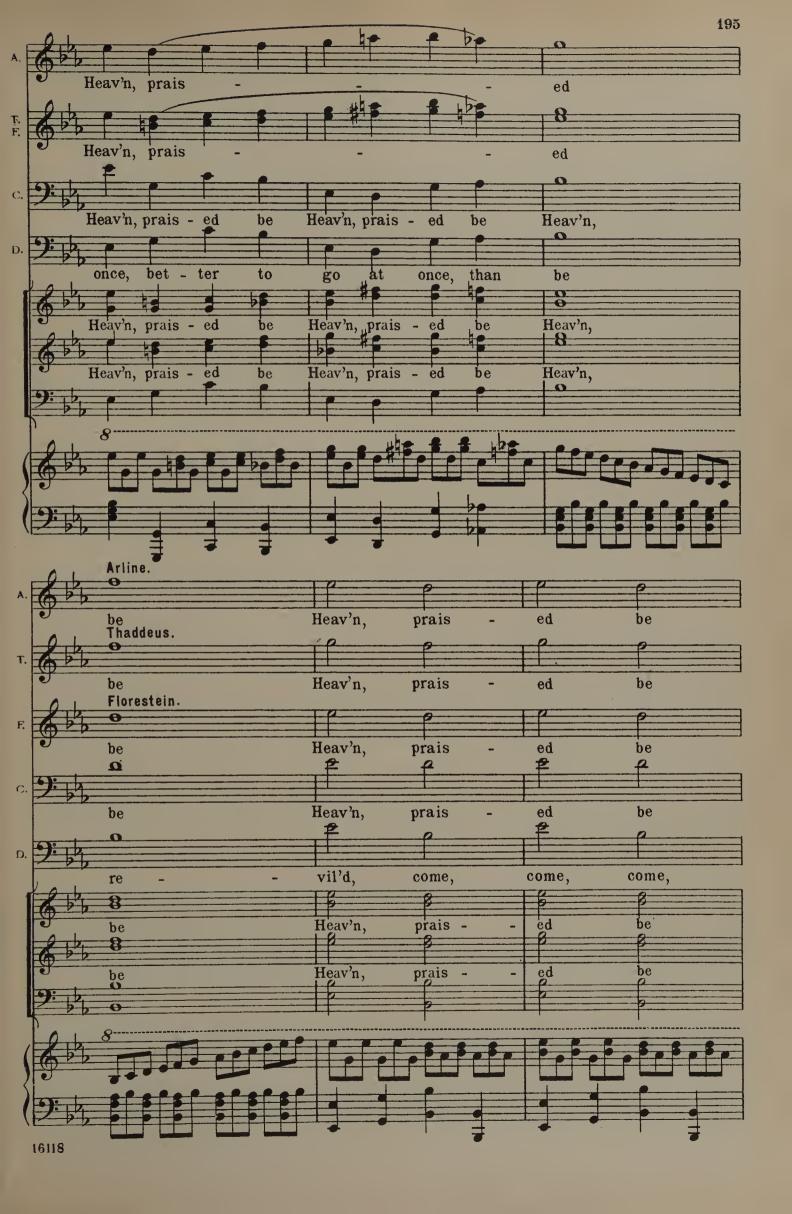


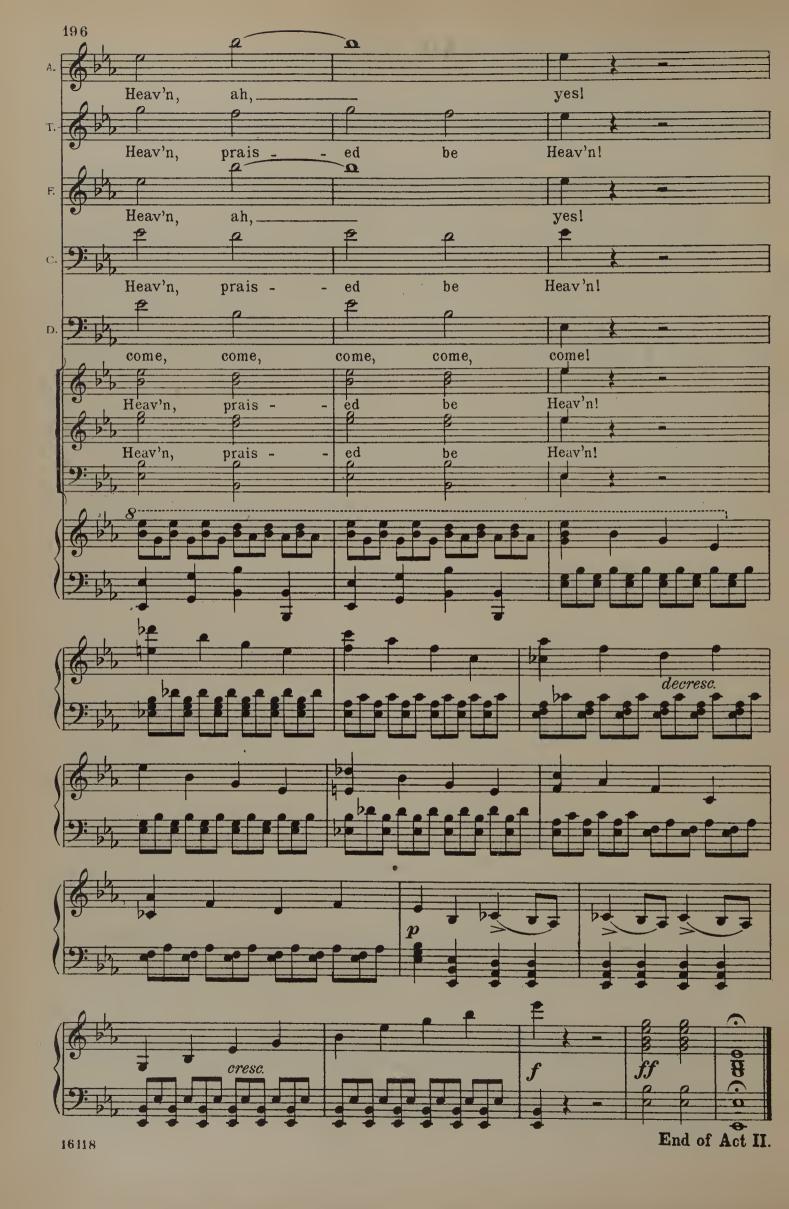




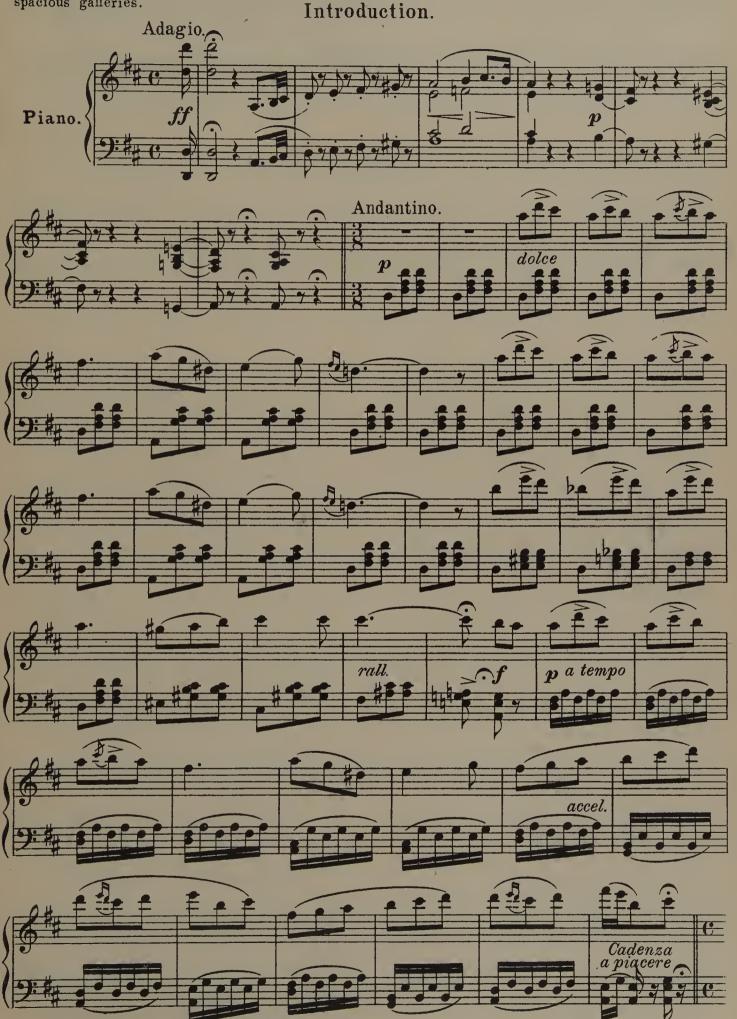








Scene I. A splendid saloon in the Castle of Count Arnheim. On the ground-floor, a large window at the back opening on the Park. On the side, the door of a small cabinet, doors at the back leading into spacious galleries.





(Enter Arline, elegantly dressed for a Ball.) Arline. The past appears to me but a dream, from which I have at length aroused me. Yet my heart recalls enough to convince me it was all reality. When I think of the wandering life I led, my memory will revert to him who in every trial preserved its honor, who twice restored me to a father's arms, and at length to a father's home.

(Count Arnheim enters with Florestein. Arline runs into his arms.)

Count. Every moment you leave me is a moment of unhappiness. I am jealous of whatever divides us, short as may be the interval. On a night of so much joy, when so many friends are to assemble and participate in your father's delight, let me intercede for

one you have too much cause to be angry with.

Arline (averting her head). The very sight of him disturbs me. (To the Count.) The wishes of my dear father I would cheerfully comply with, but my repugnance I cannot over-

Florestein (falling on his knee). Fair cousin, let me plead my own cause, and express theaw-sorrow I really feel at having for an instant believed it possible — in fact, I never in reality -

(Enter a Servant.)

What the devil do you want at such a critical part of one's conversation?

(Servant crosses to the Count.)

Servant. The castle is filling with guests who inquire for your lordship. (Exit.)

Count (to Arline). Let us hasten to meet them, and afford me the joy of making you known to all.

Arline. Allow me but time to fortify myself for a ceremony I am a stranger to, and I will follow you.

Flor. That is but reasonable, uncle — I will live in hopes of my cousin's forgiveness, which can alone restore my-peace of mind. (Aside.) I shall positively expire if I don't lead off the first quadrille with her.

(Exeunt Count and Florestein.)

Arline. I am once more left to my thoughts, and all the deep regrets which accompany them; nothing can drive the recollection of Thaddeus from my mind, and the lonely life I led was to me far happier than the constrained one I now pass; and the graceful dress of the Gipsy girl becomes me more than all this gaudy apparel of nobility. (Going round the room to see if any one is watching.) Now no eye beholds me, I may at least indulge in a remembrance of the past.

(Melodramatic music.)

(Goes to the Cabinet O. P. and brings out her Gipsy dress.) The sight of this recalls the memory of happy days, and of him who made them

(As she is contemplating the dress, the window at the back suddenly opens, and Devilshoof springs into

the apartment.)

Arline (screaming). Ah! what seek you here with me? Devilshoof. Hush! fear not; but be silent. I come to ask you to rejoin our tribe - we have never ceased to feel the loss of one liked more than all the rest. Arline. Impossible! Leave me, I pray, and let me

forget we have ever been acquainted. Devilshoof. I have brought with me one who has, undoubtedly, greater powers of persuasion than

I can pretend to. (Here Thaddeus appears at the window, enters the room, and Arline, unable to restrain her

feelings, rushes into his arms.)
Thaddeus. In the midst of so much luxury, so much wealth and grandeur, I thought you had for-

gotten me.

Arline. Forgotten you! Had I nothing else to remind me of you (pointing at her Gipsy dress), this would always speak to me of you. Forgotten you!

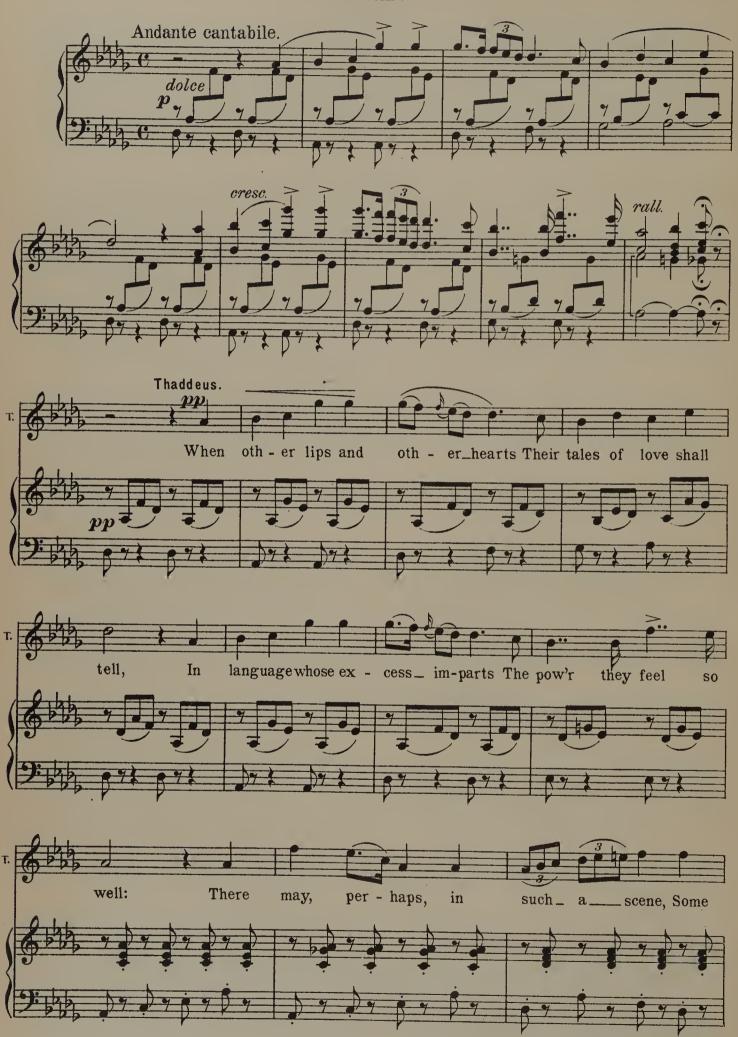
Thaddeus. The scenes in which you now move, may drive from your memory every trace of the past, and I only come to ask-to hopethat you will sometimes think upon me. (Devilshoof goes up to the window, on the lookout)

Melodramatic Music.

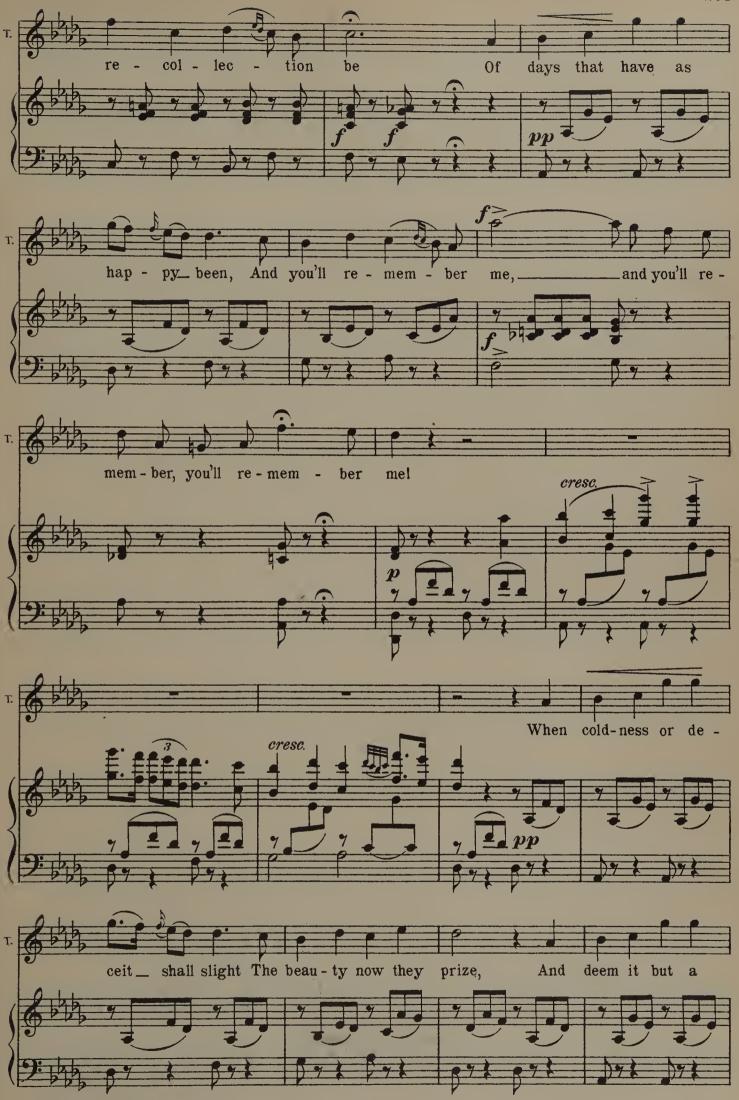
(Played when Arline takes out her Gipsy dress.)

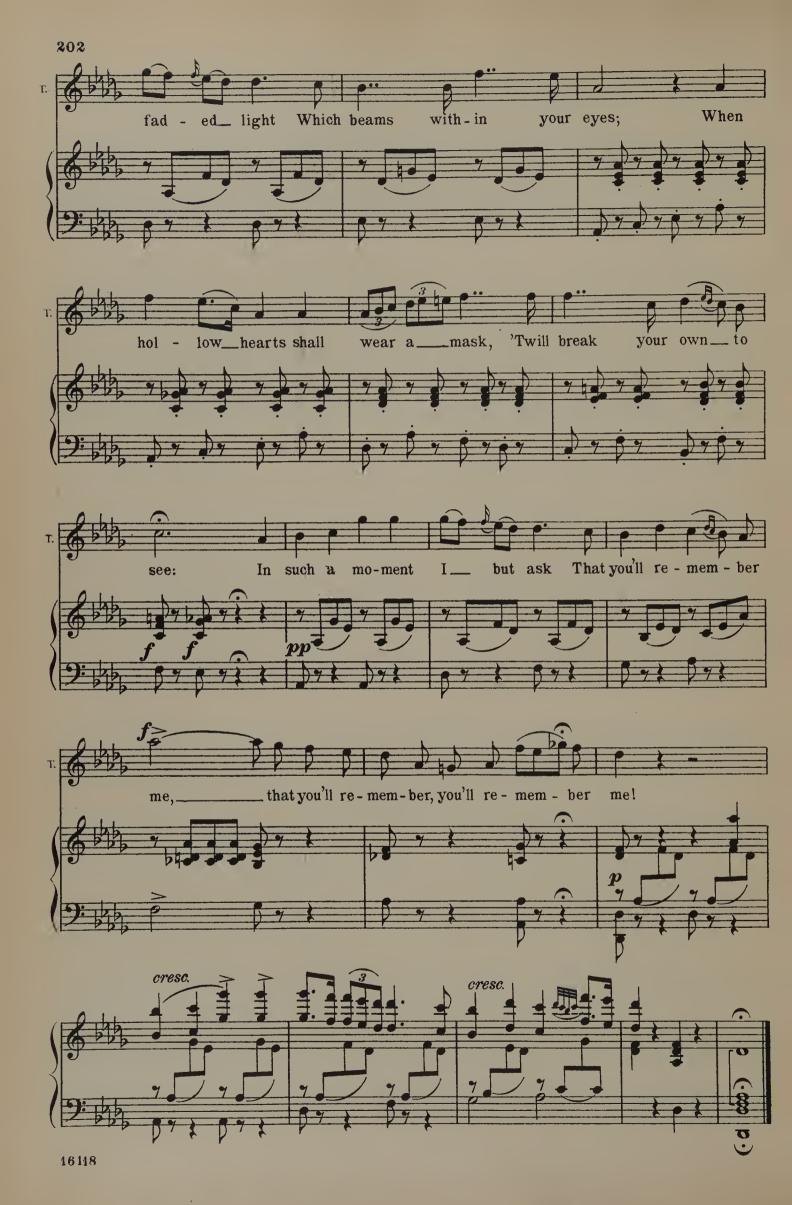


"Then you'll remember me." Cavatina.









(At the end of the song, Arline goes up to Thaddeus, and with great emphasis says:)
Arline. Whatever may be our future lot, nothing

should persuade you that I can ever cease to think of, ever cease to love you.

Thaddeus (overjoyed). My heart is overpowered

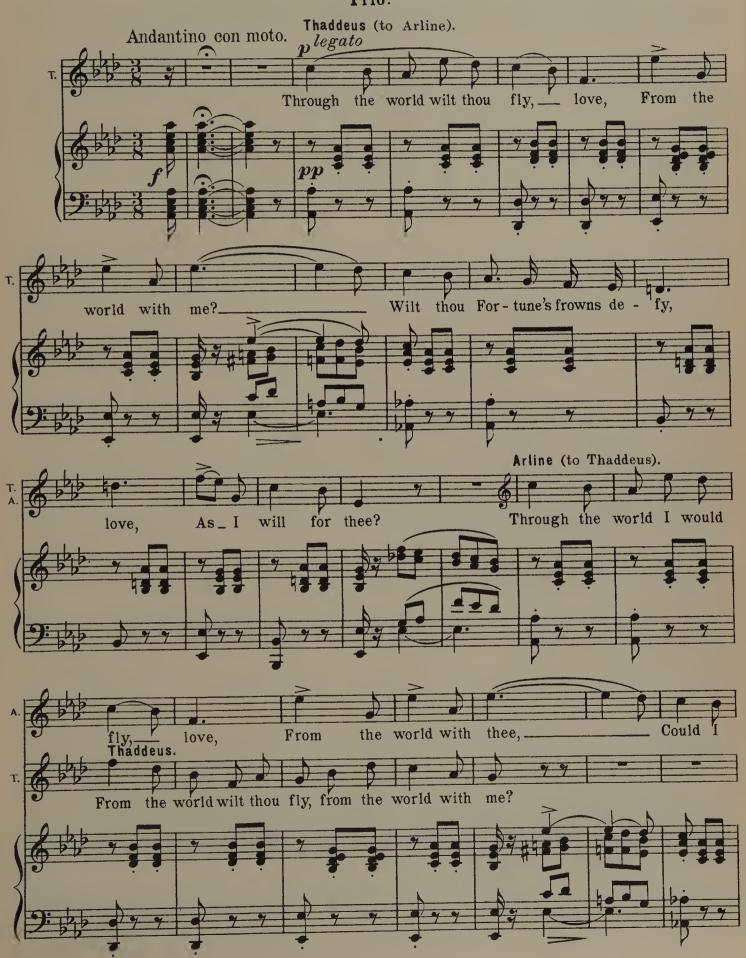
with happiness. Yet, alas! 'tis but of short duration, for I must leave you now for ever.

Arline. Oh, no, no! say not so! I cannot live

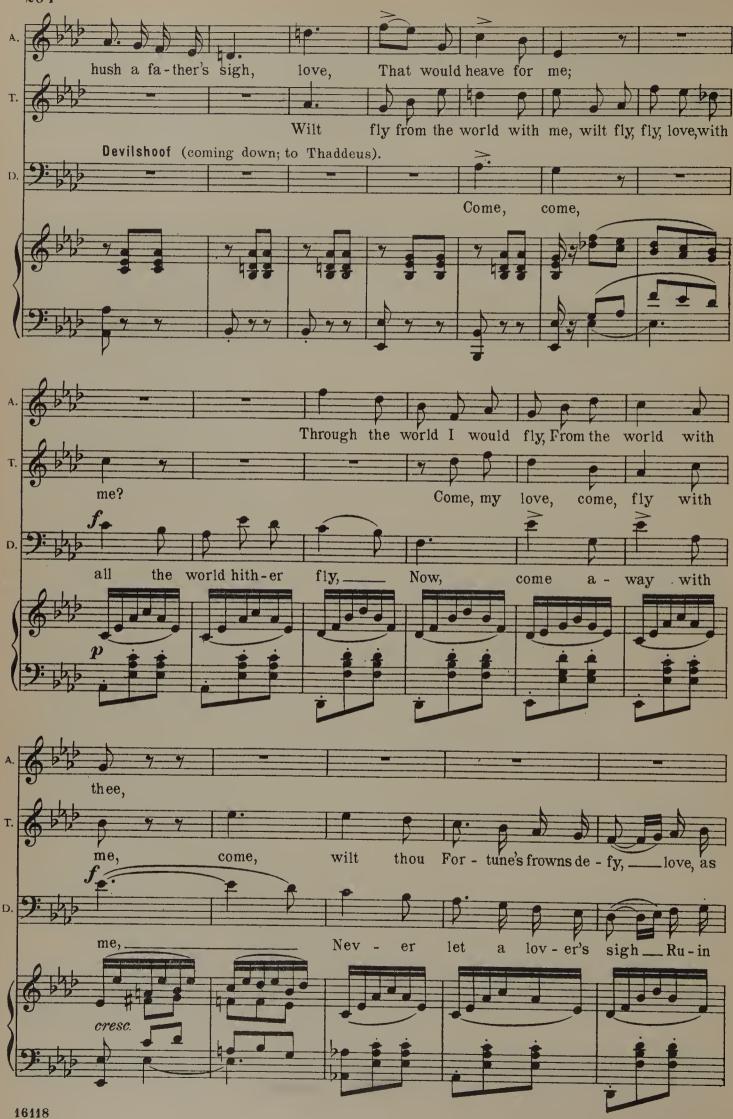
without you.

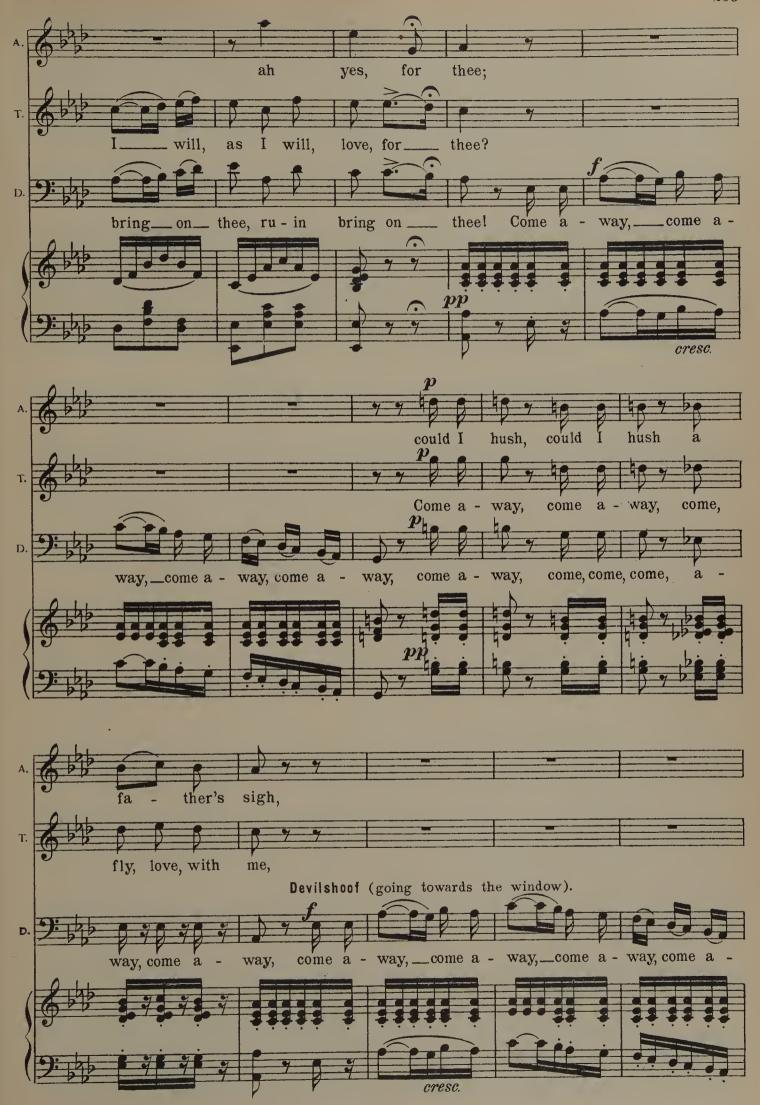
Thaddeus. And will you then forsake your home,
your kindred, all! and follow me?

"Through the world wilt thou fly, love?" Trio.

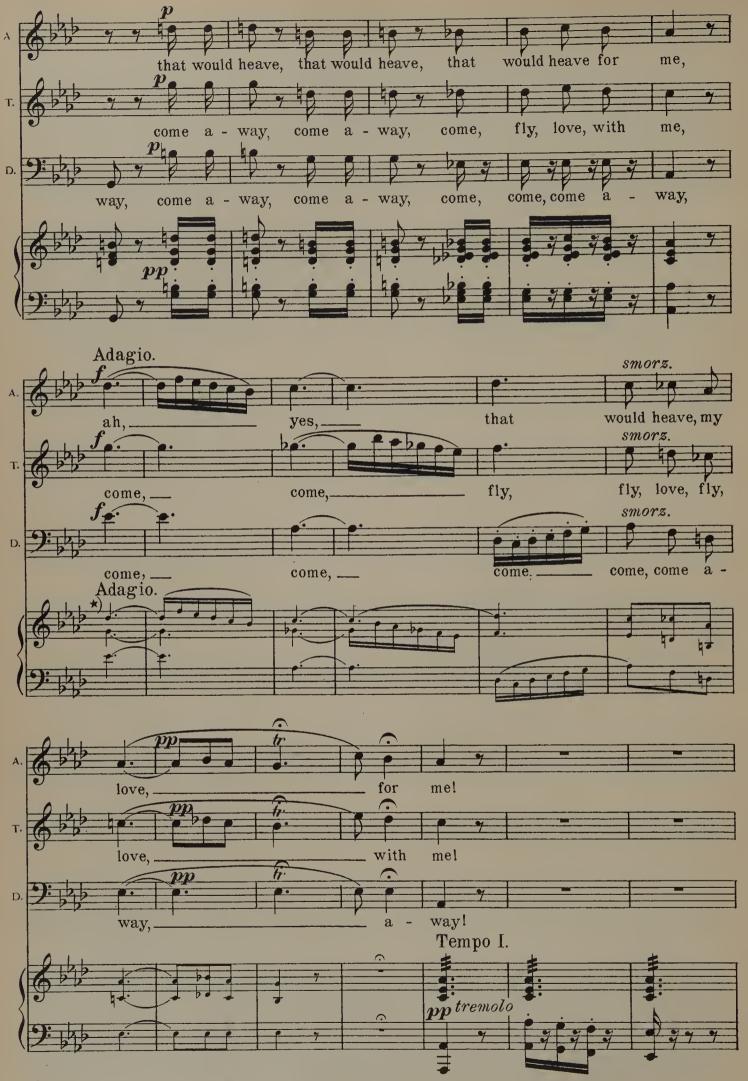




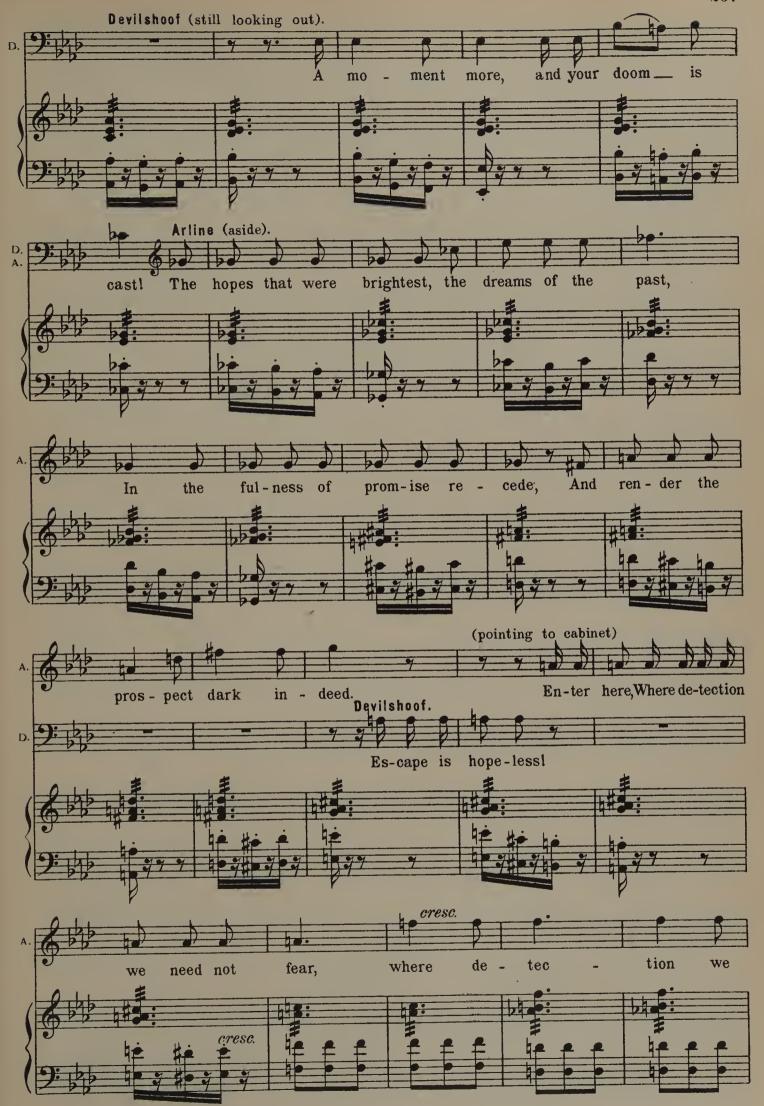


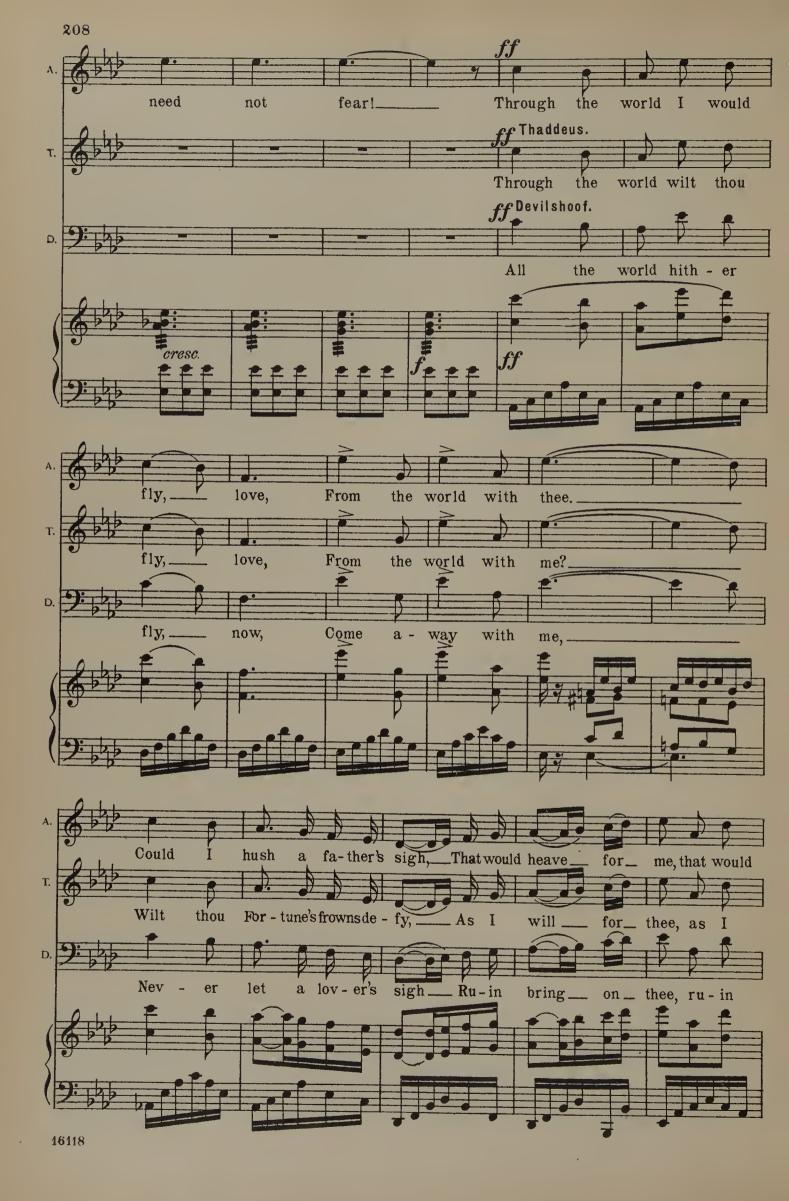






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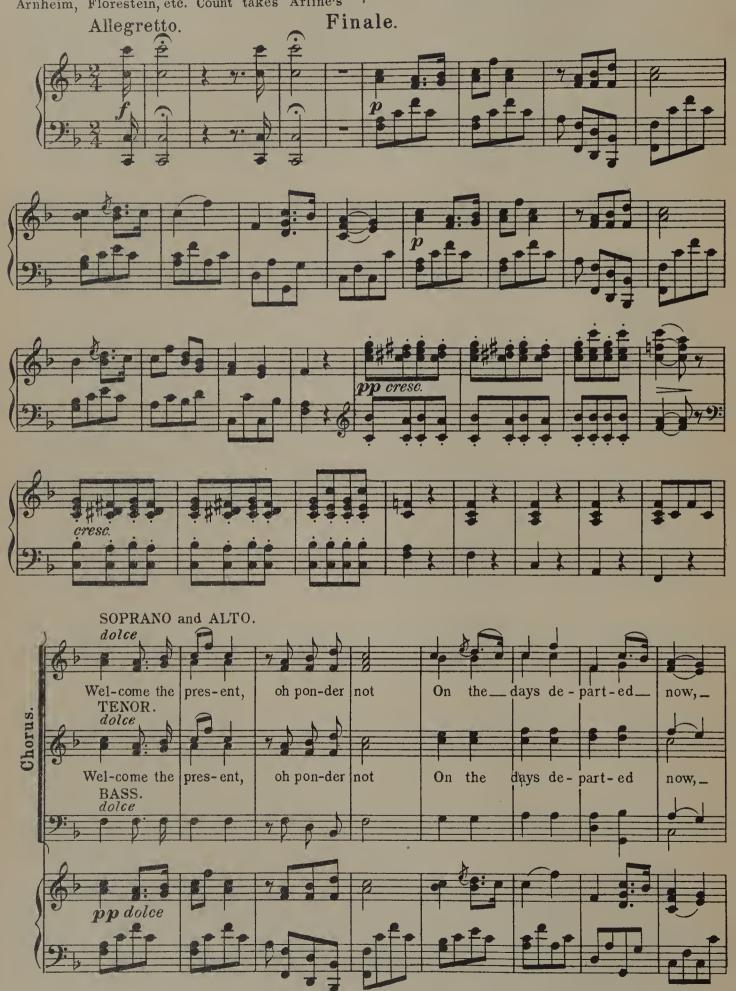


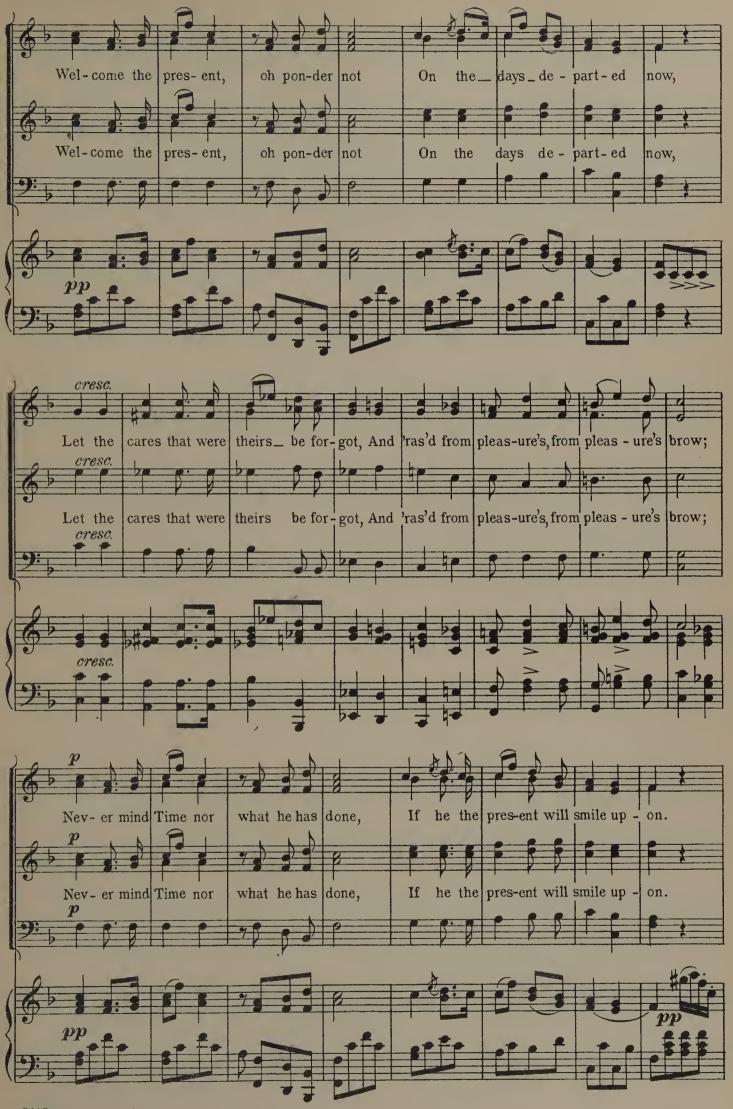


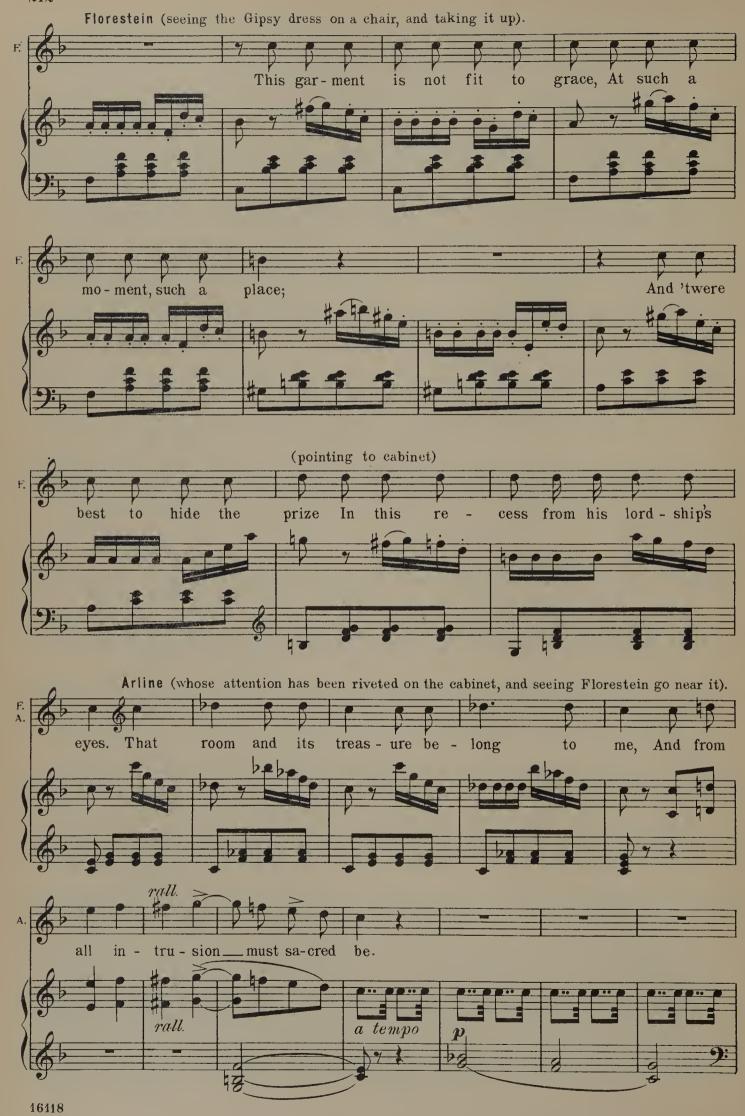


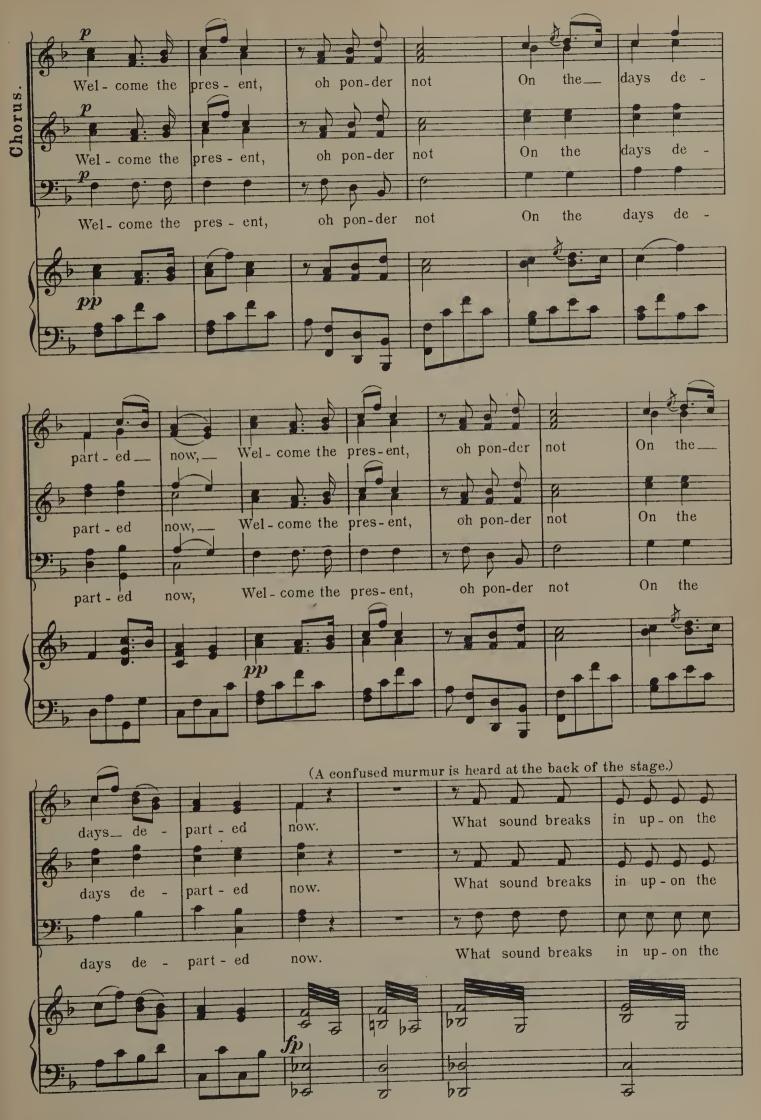
(Thaddeus has barely time to take refuge in the cabinet, and Devilshoof to escape by the window, when the great doors are thrown open, and a brilliant assemblage enters, led by Count Arnheim, Florestein, etc. Count takes Arline's hand and presents her to the company.)

Count. Welcome, welcome all—share with me
all the joy I feel while I present my loved
and long-lost daughter.

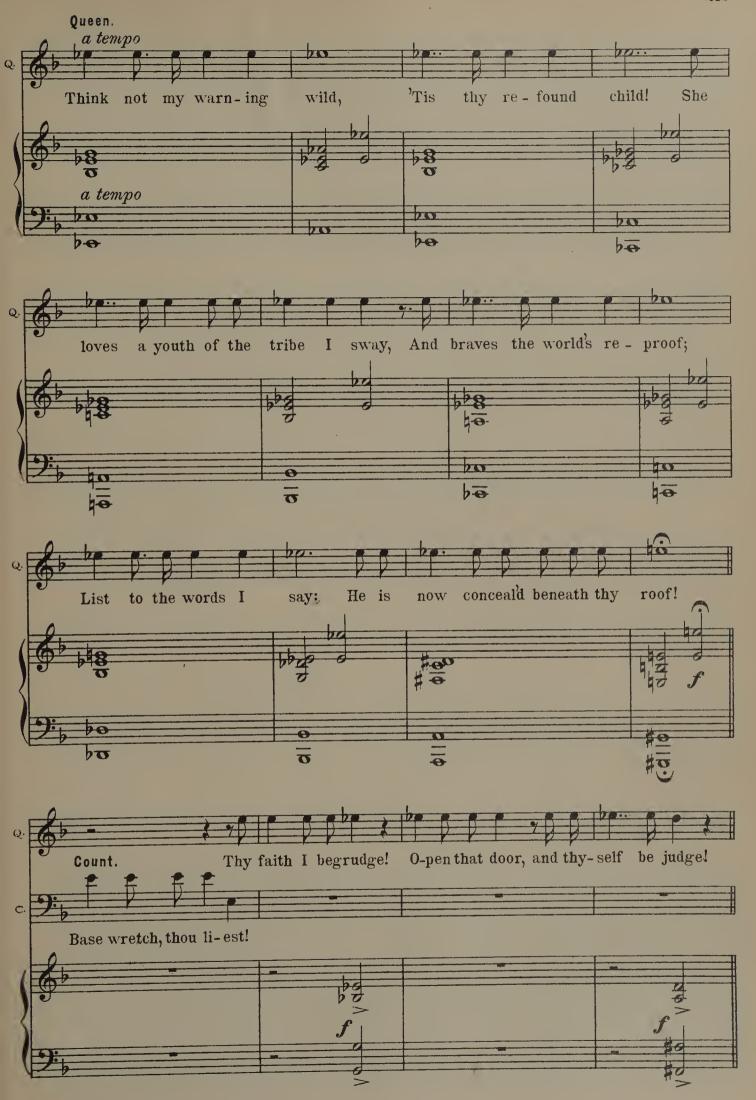


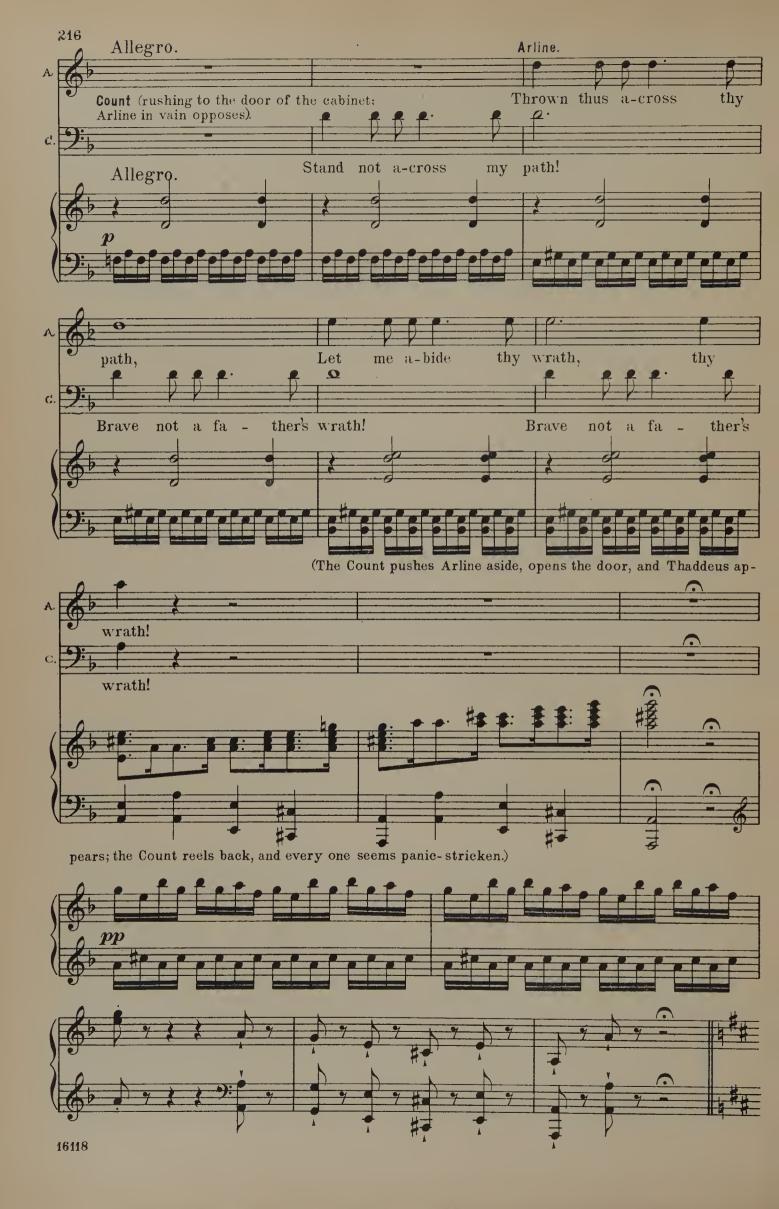




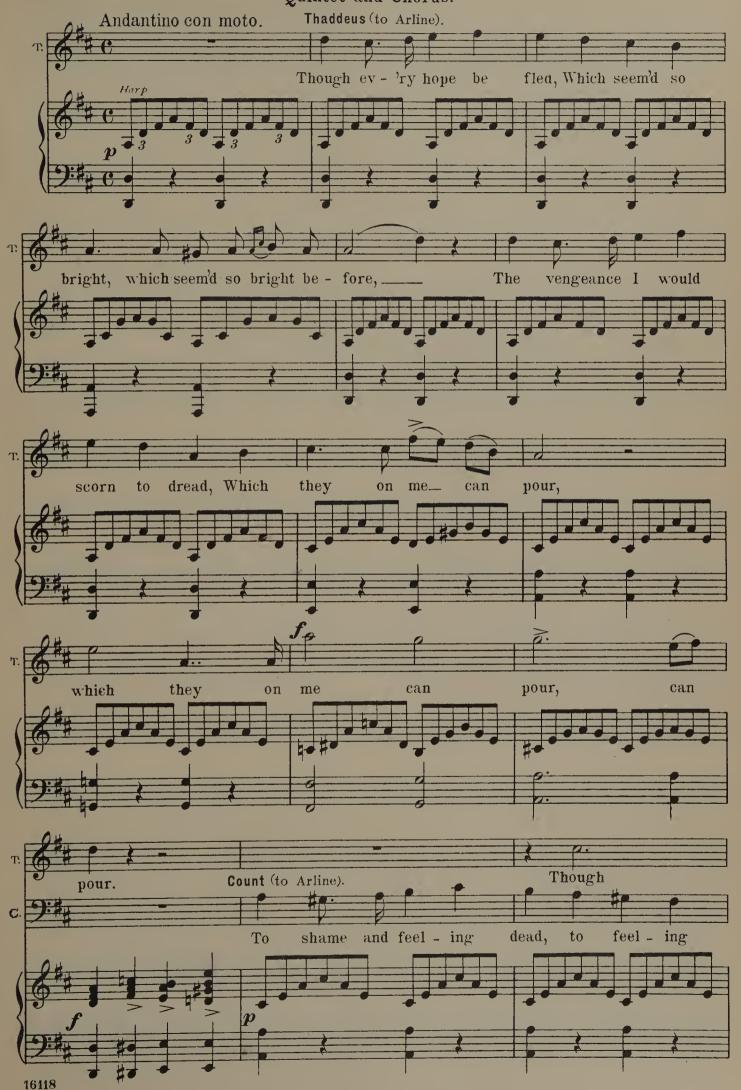






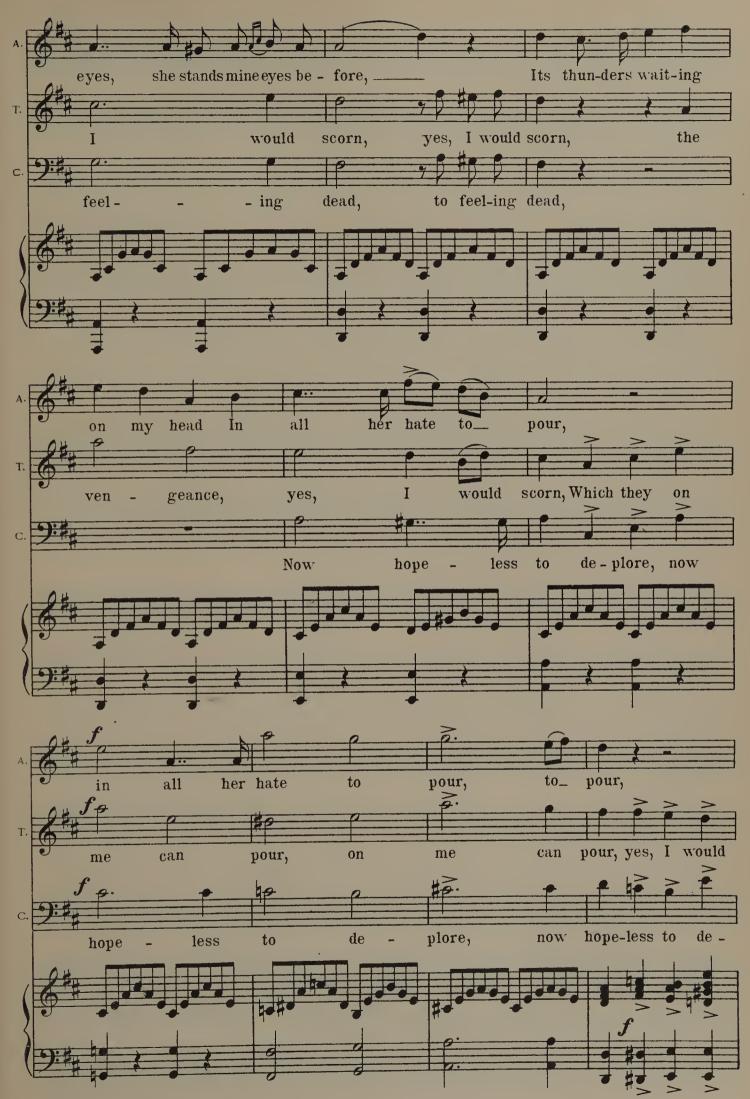


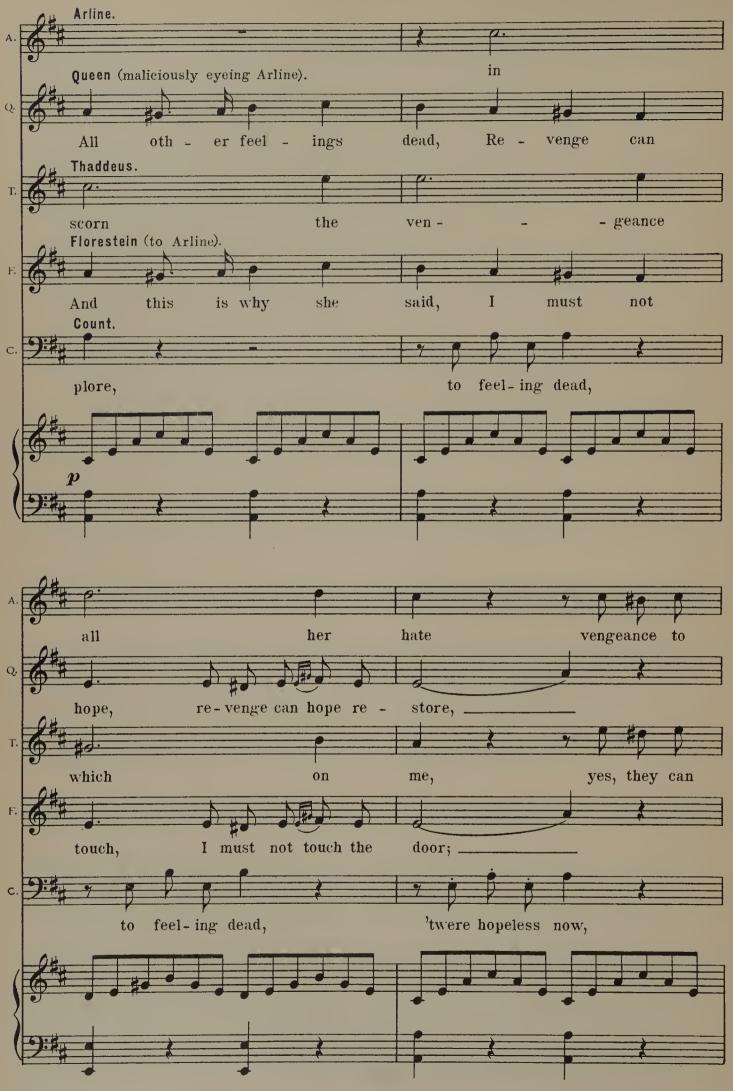
"Though ev'ry hope be fled." Quintet and Chorus.

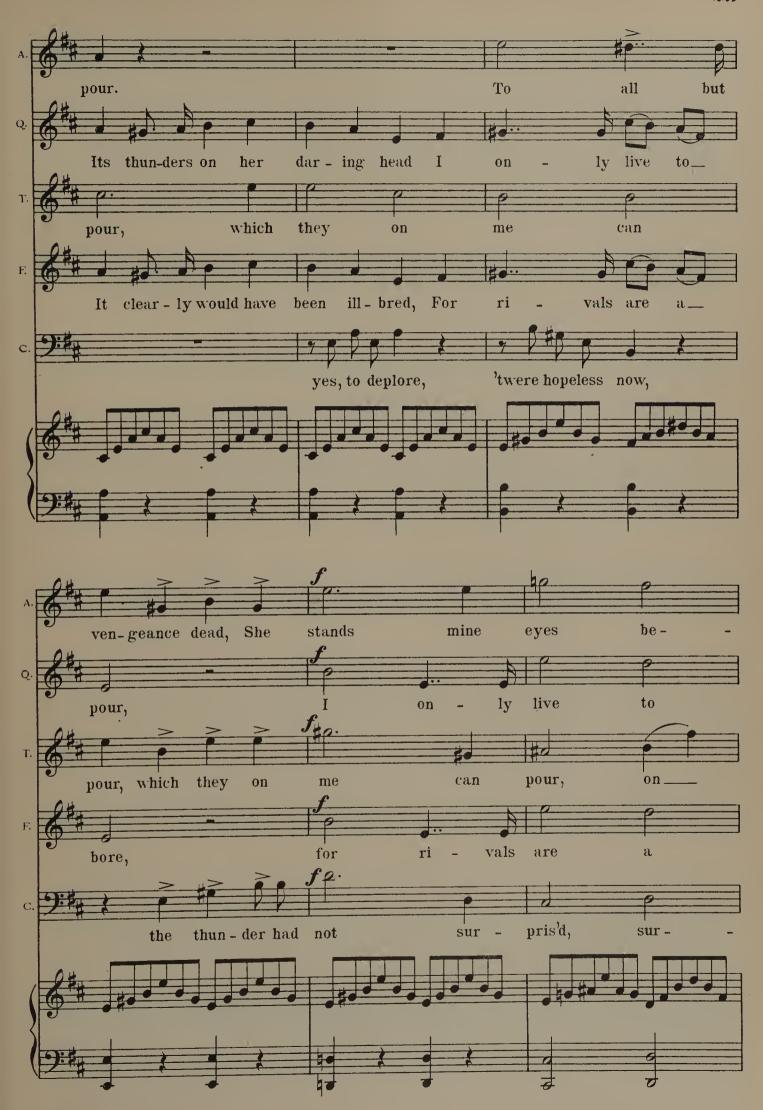


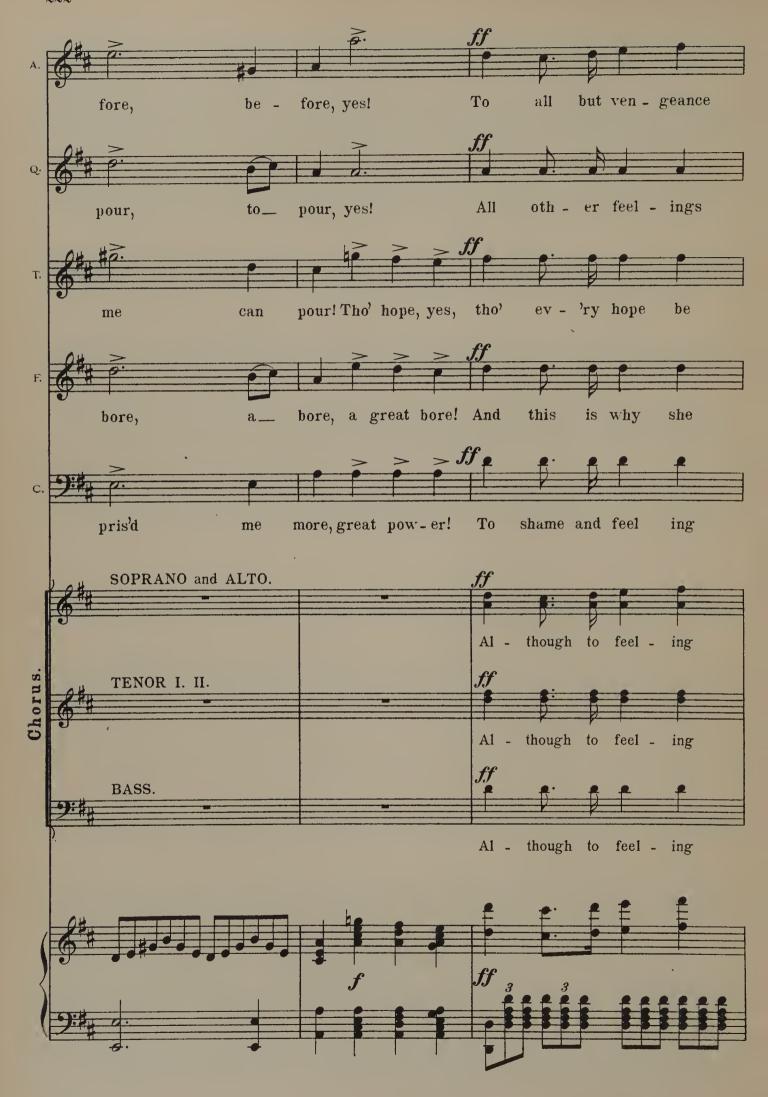


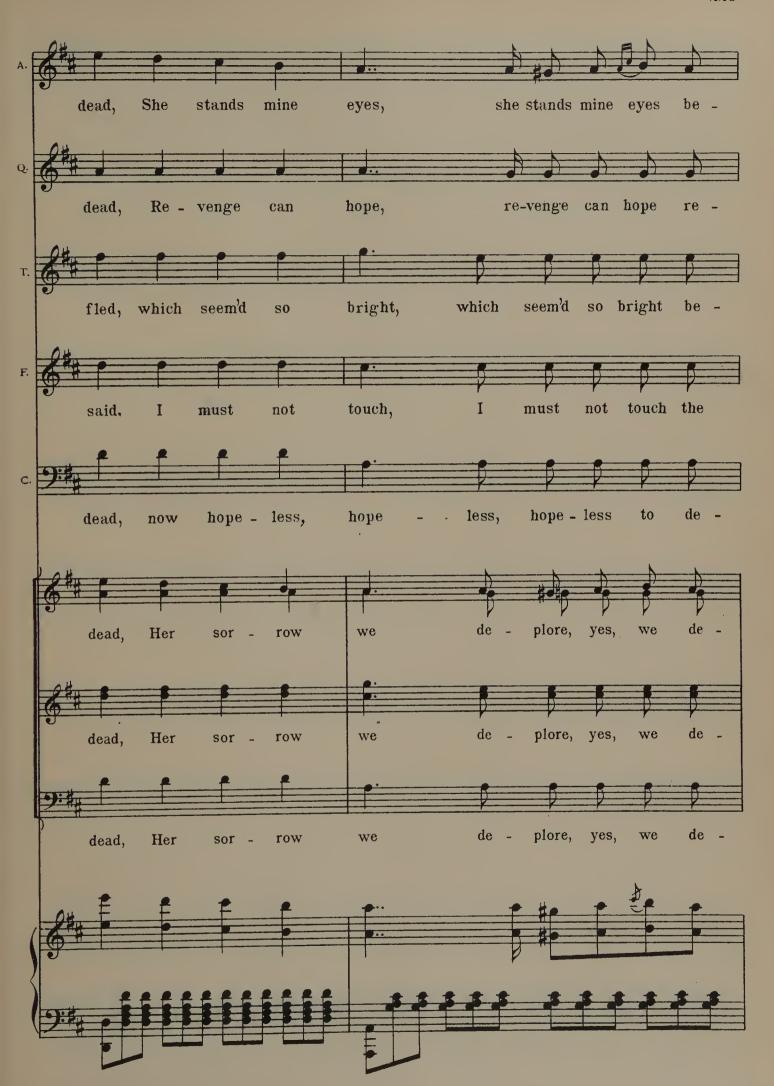


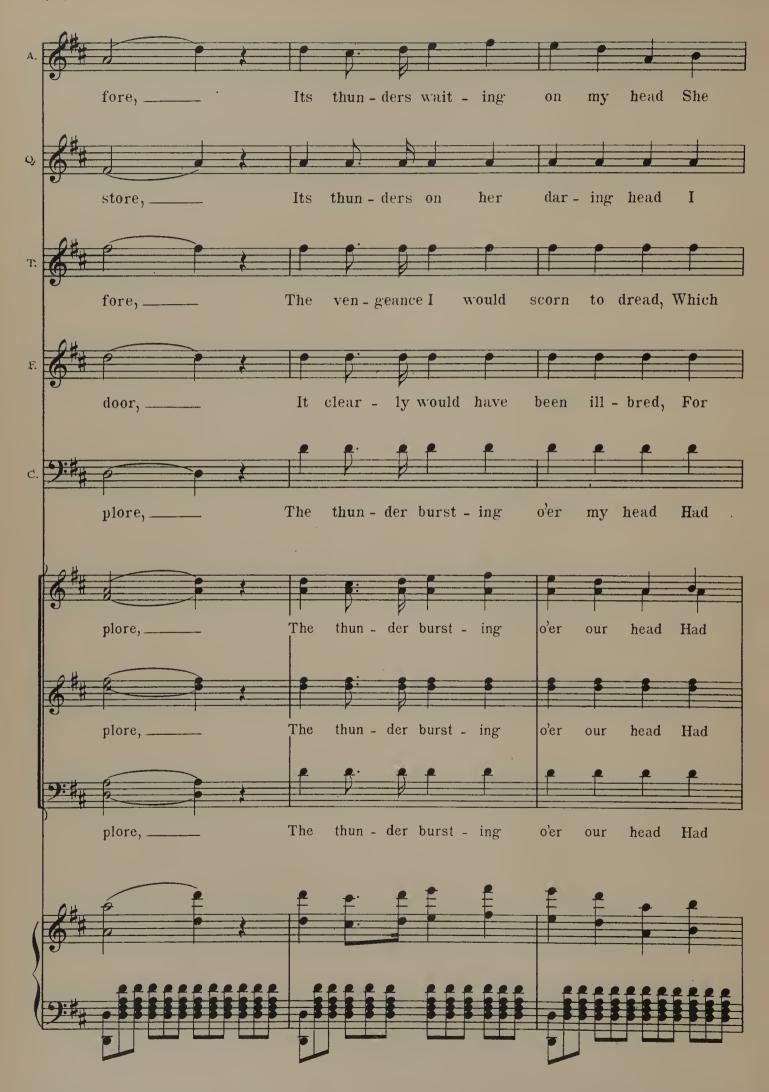


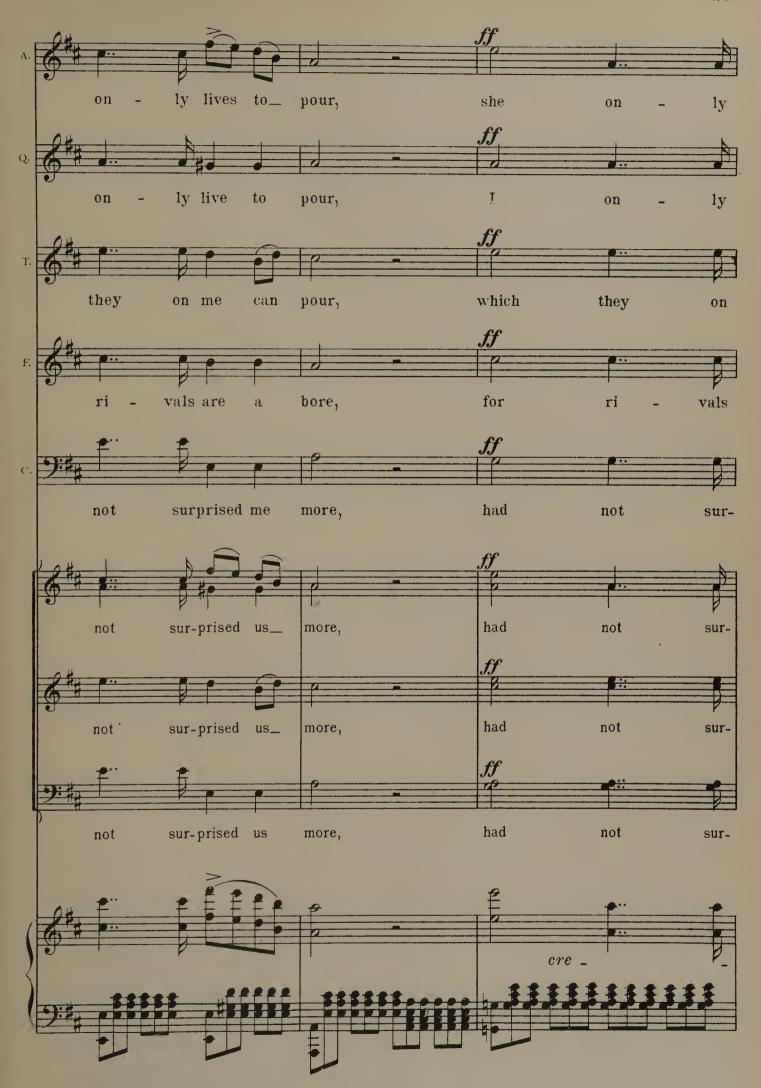


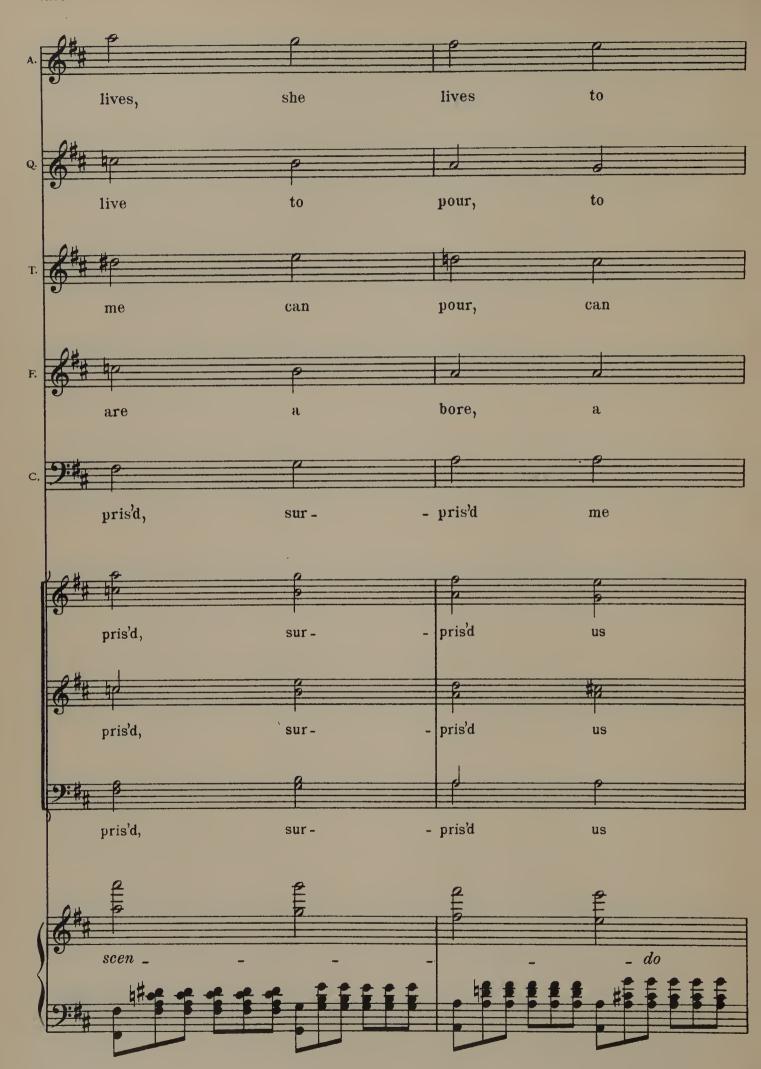


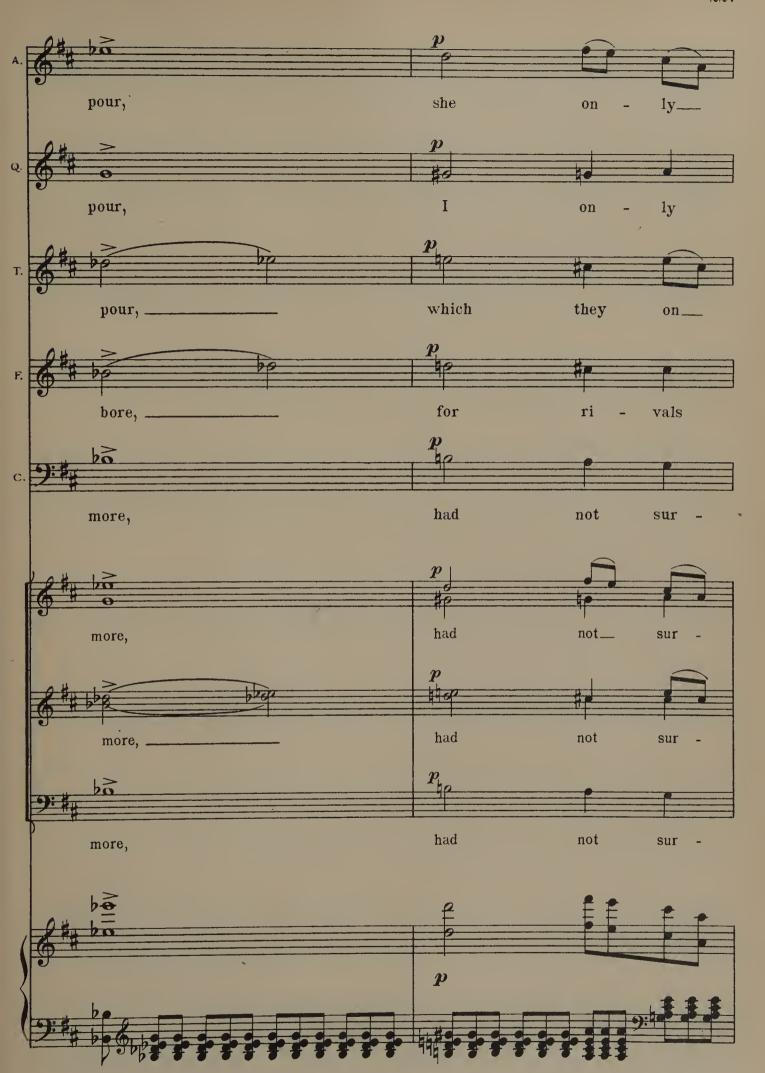


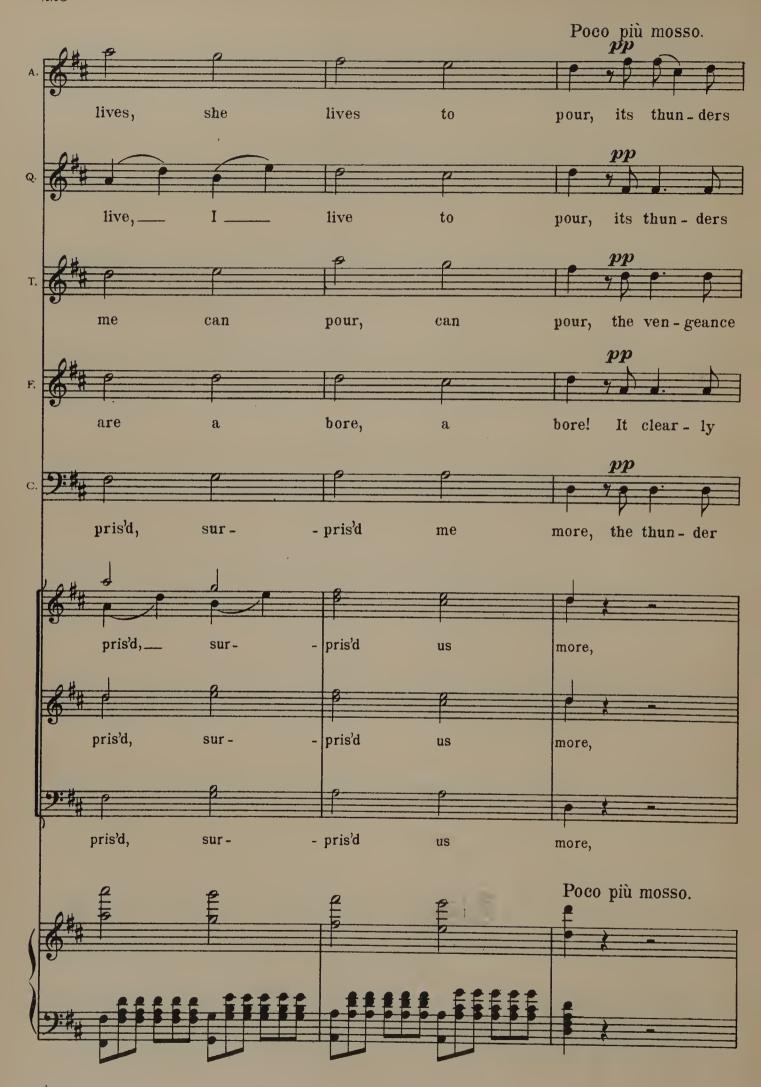


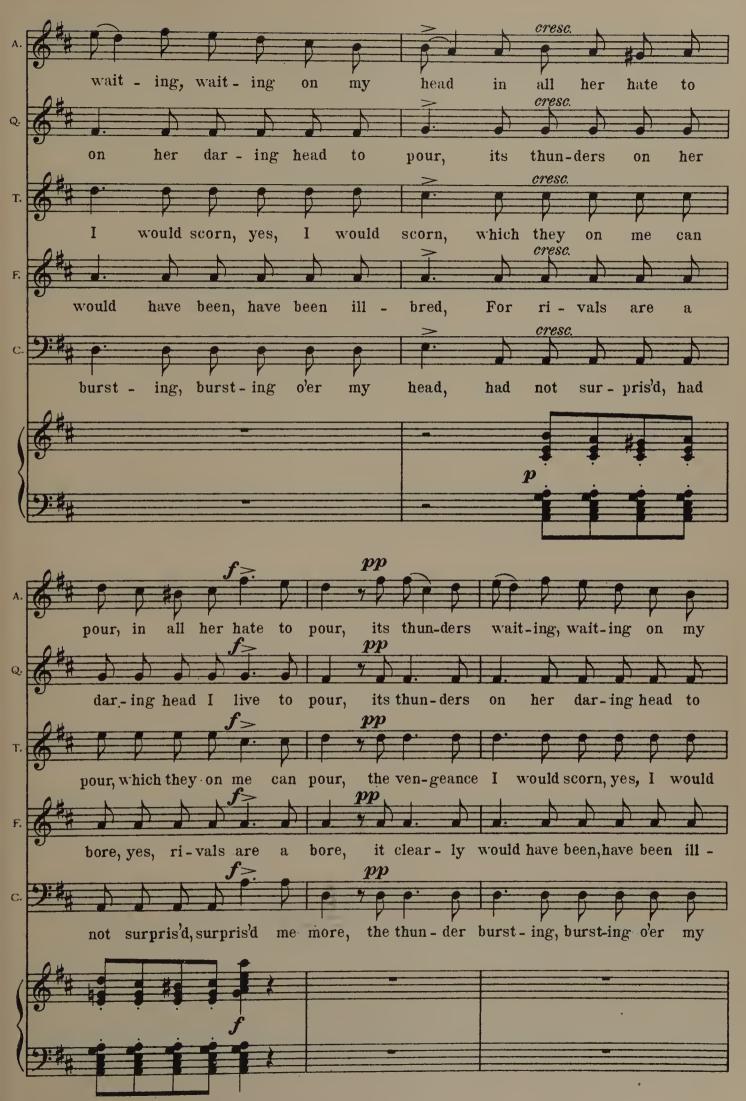


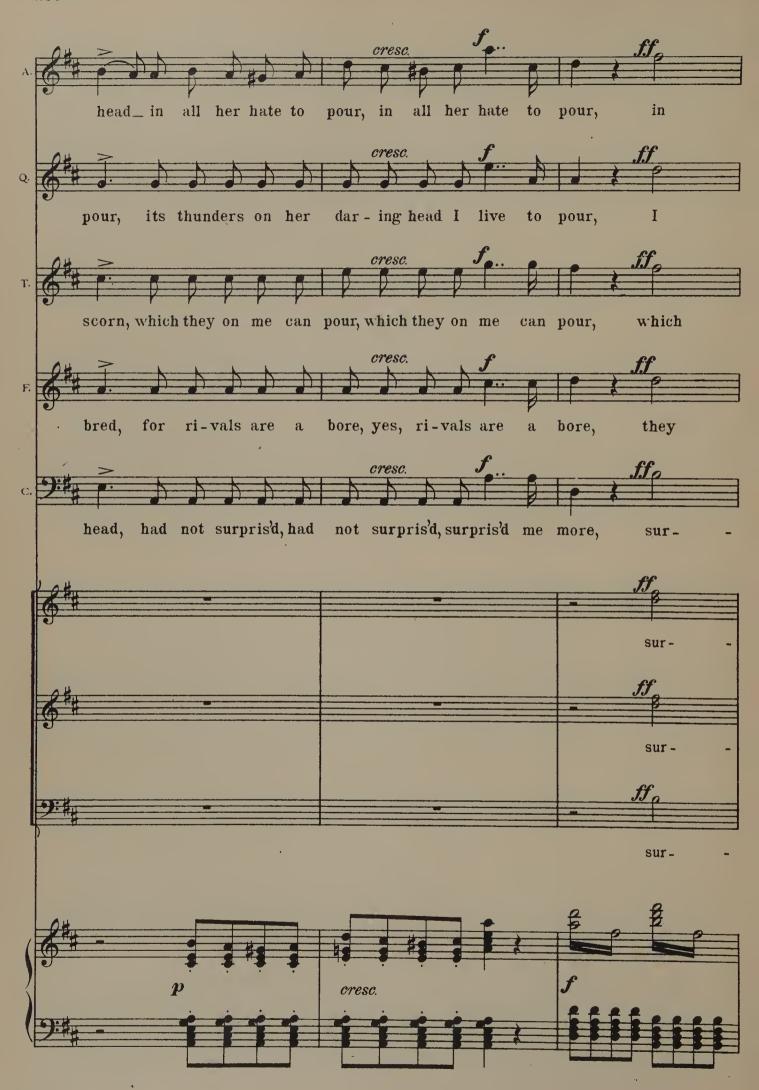


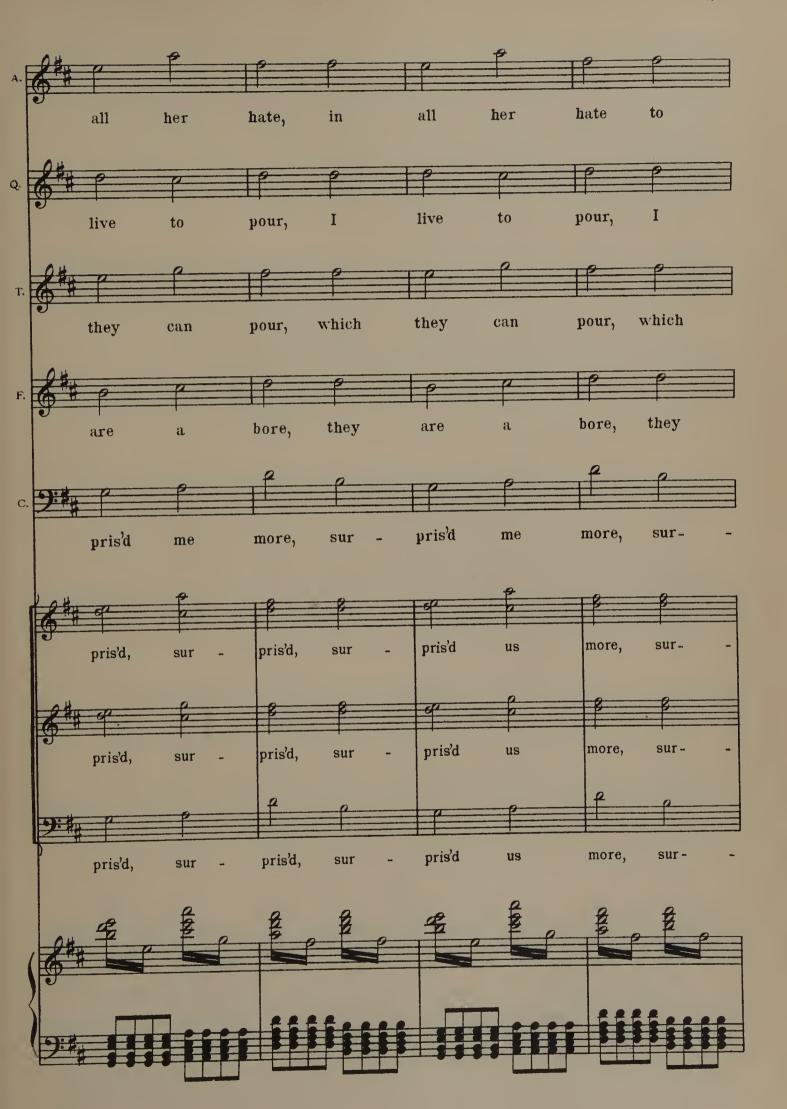


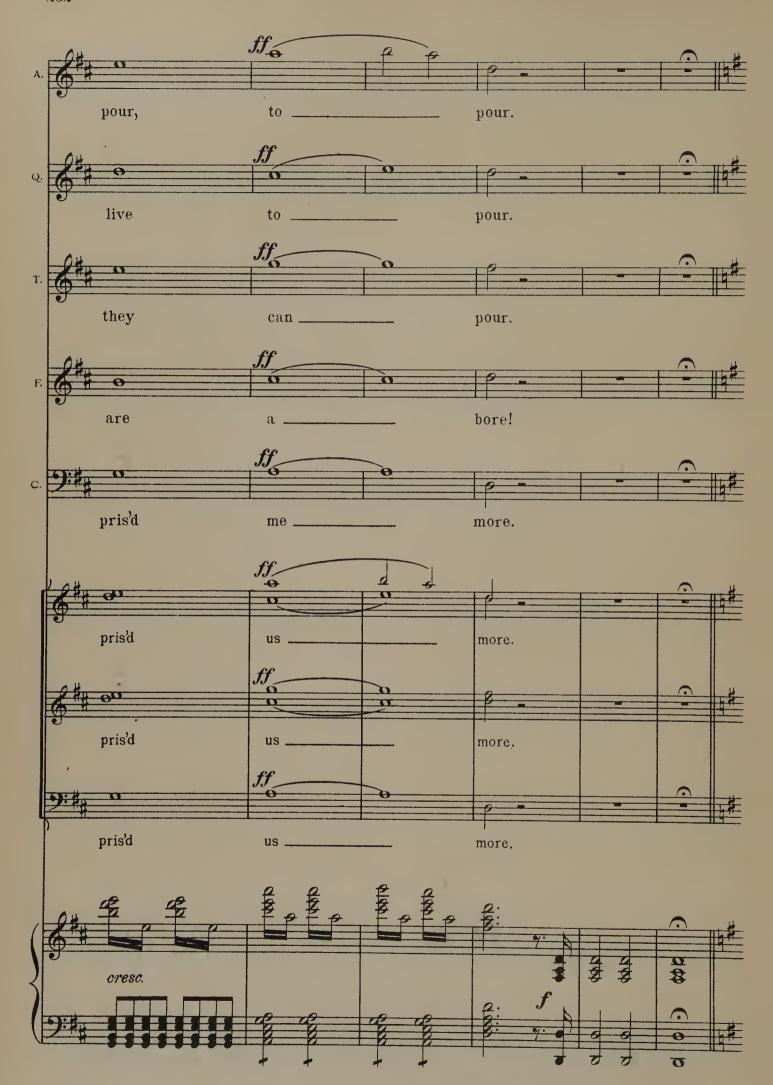




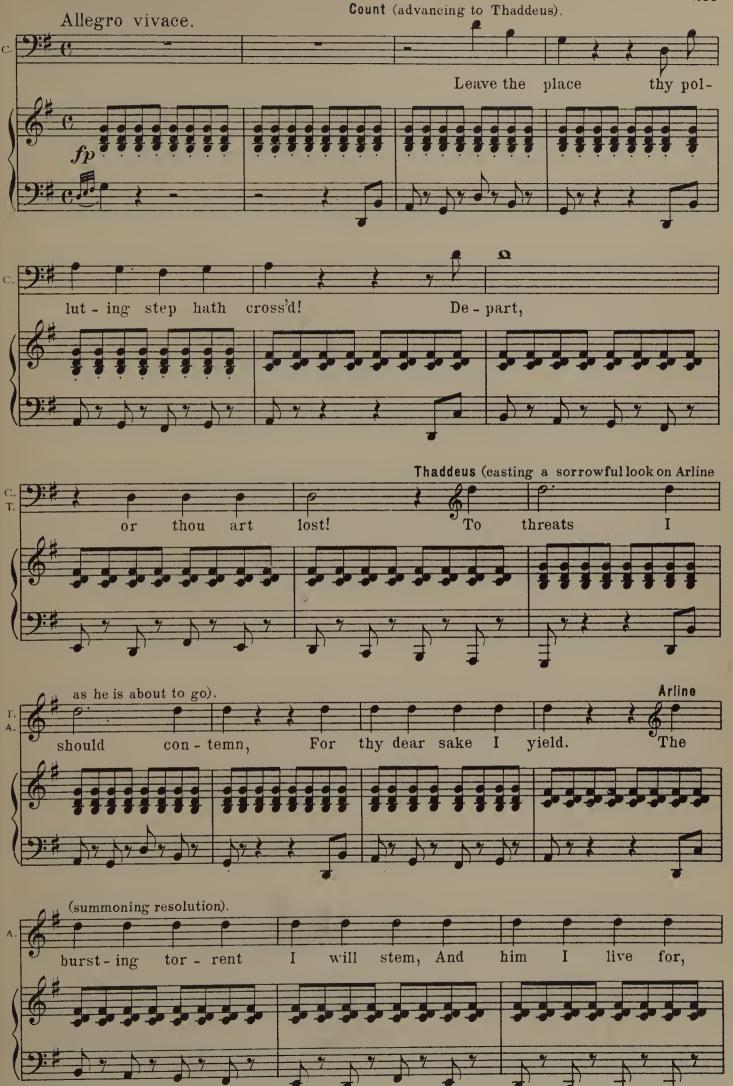


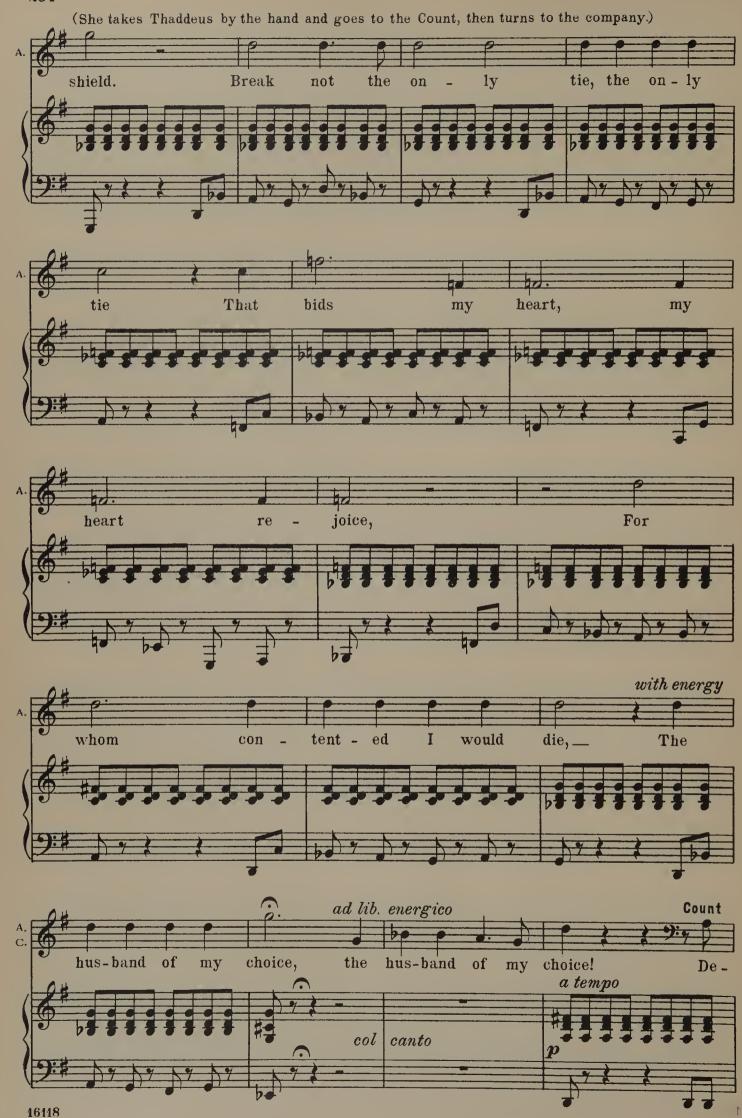


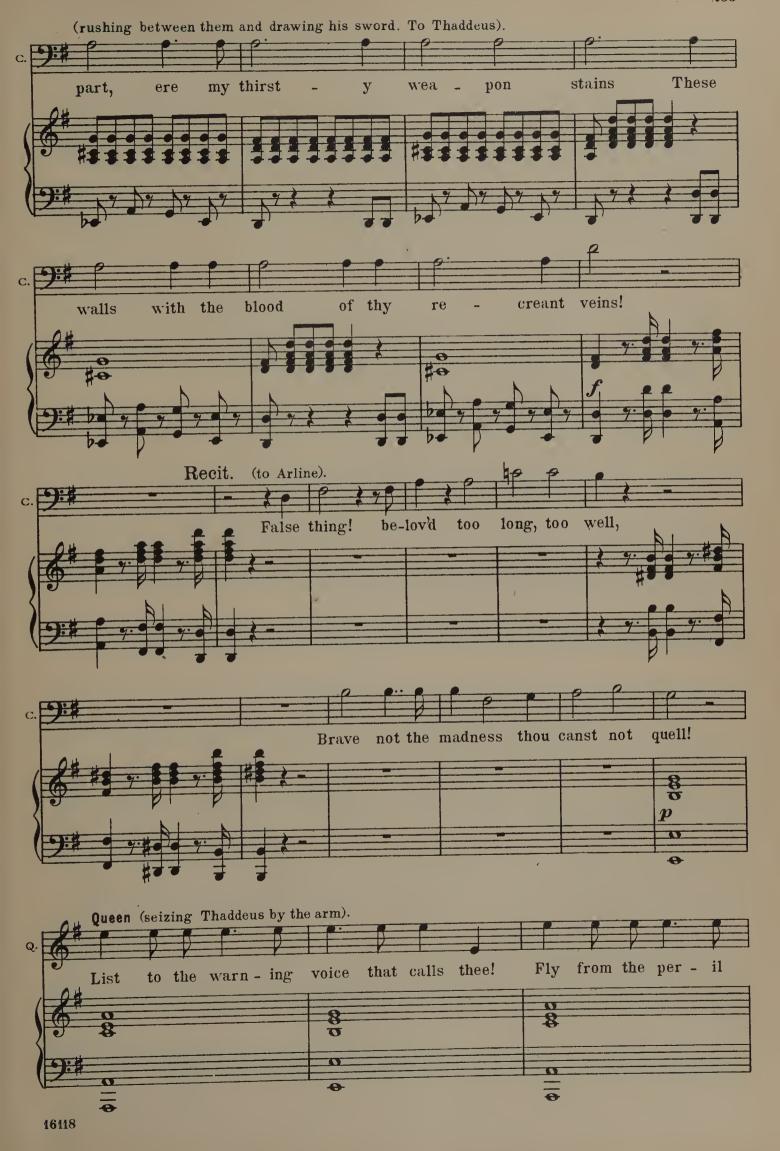


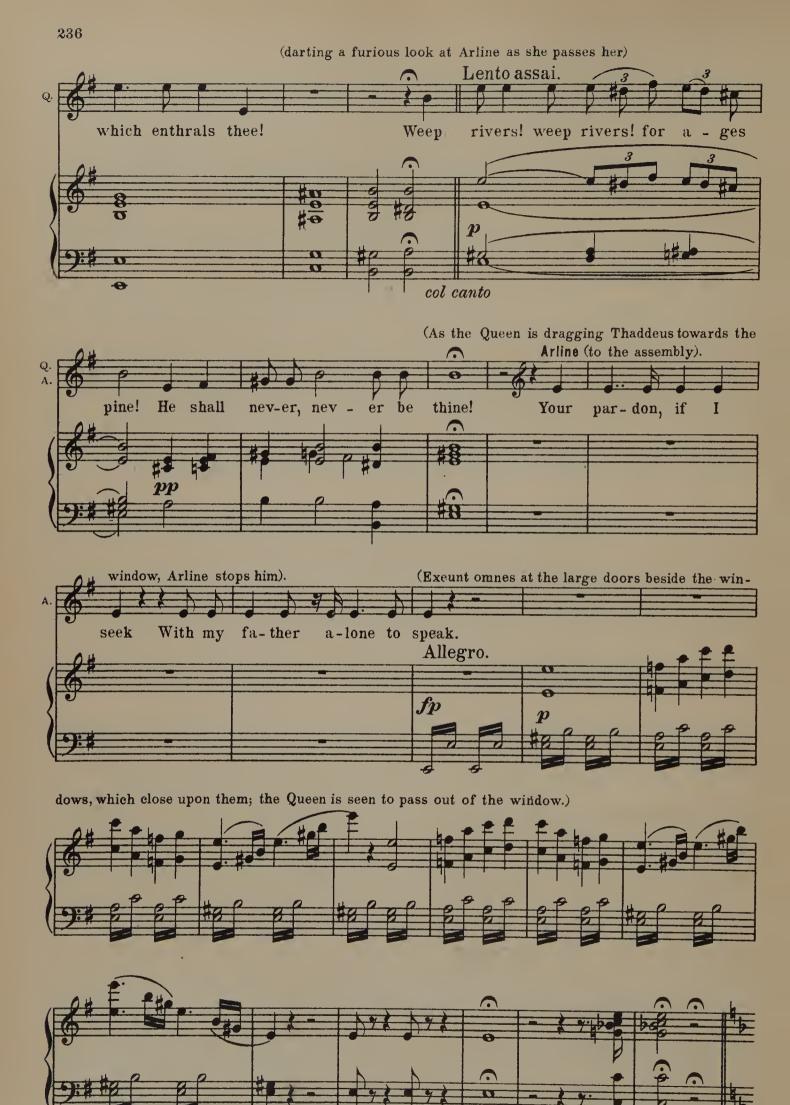






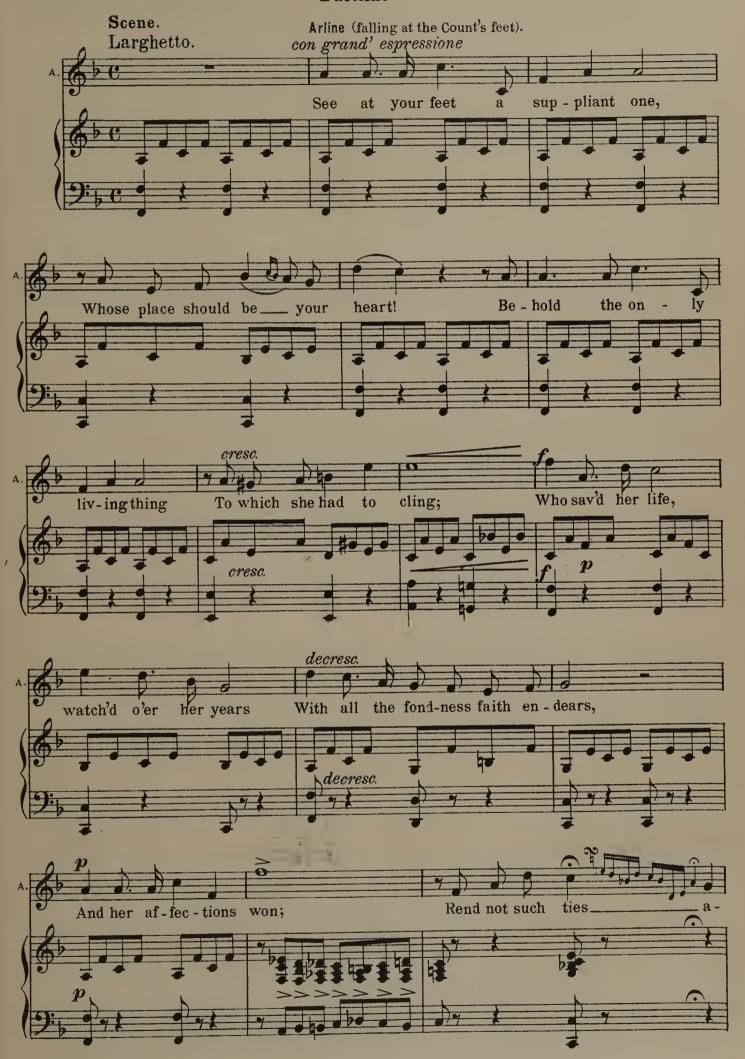


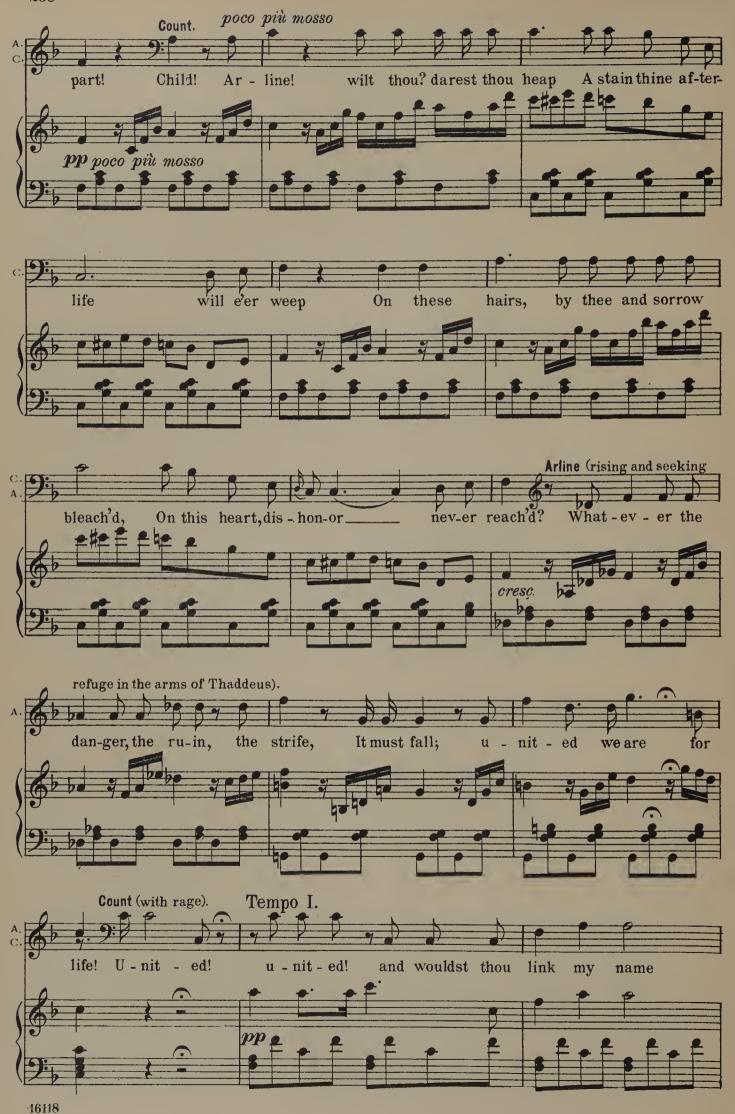


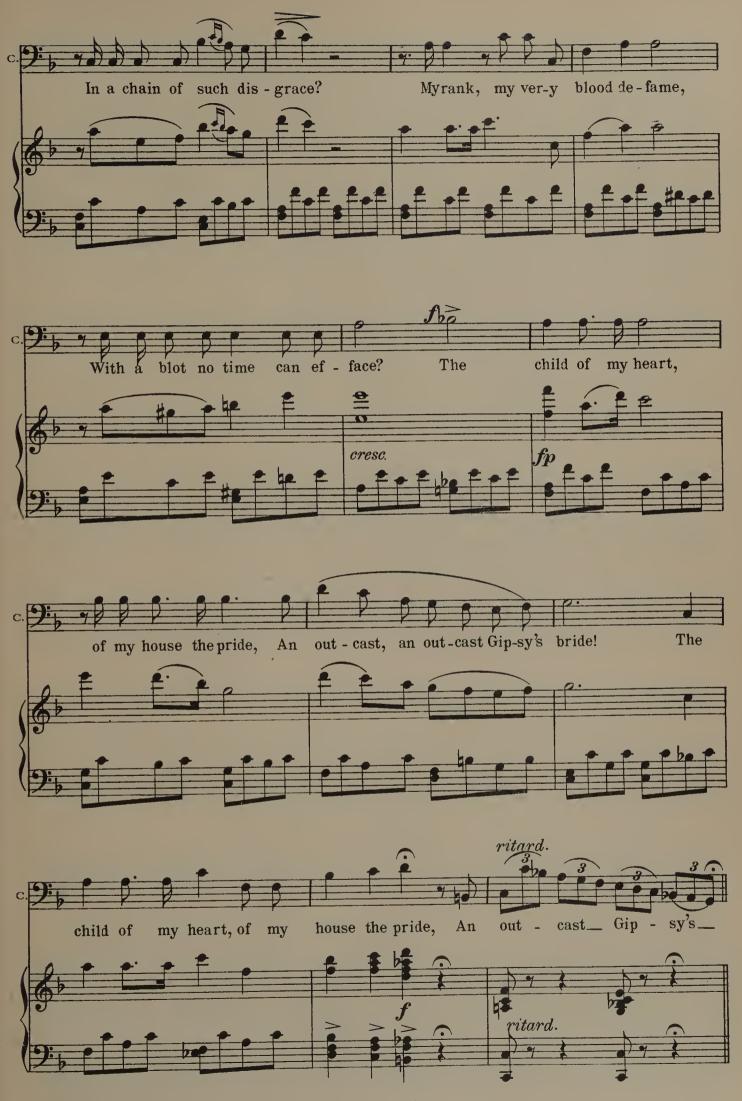


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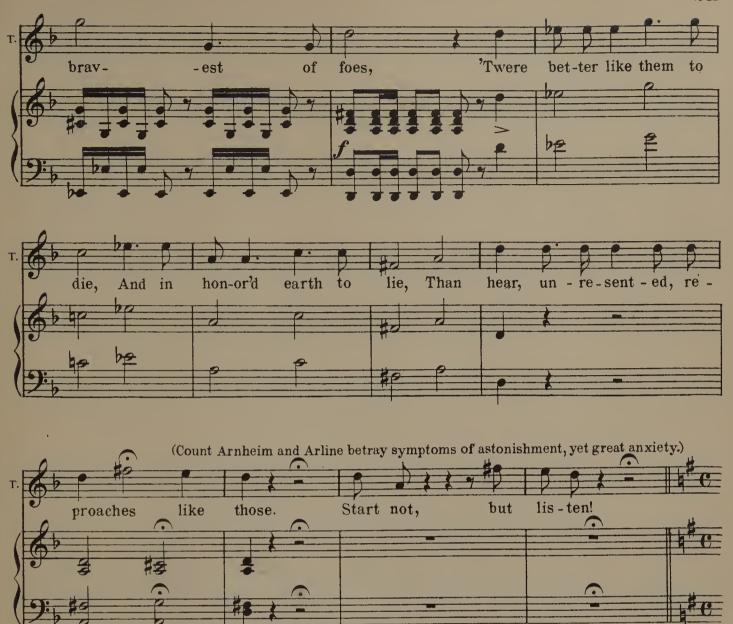
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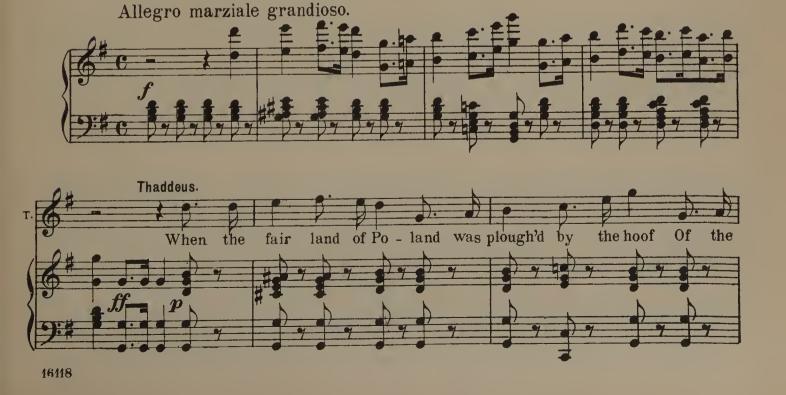


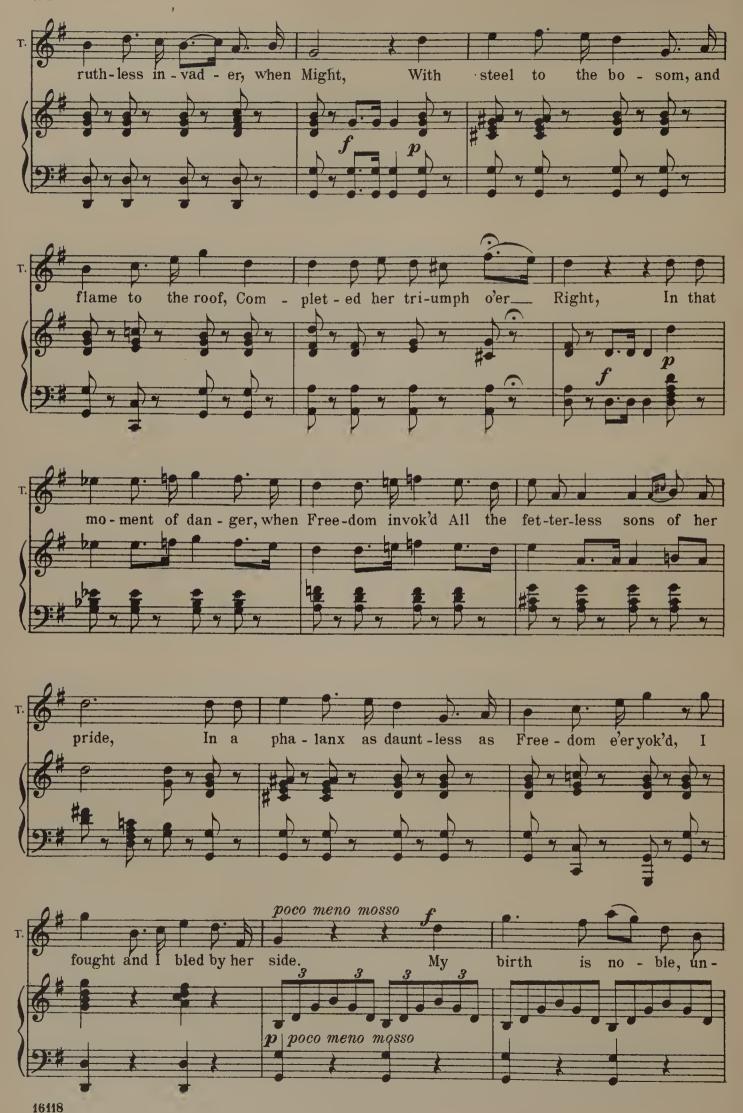


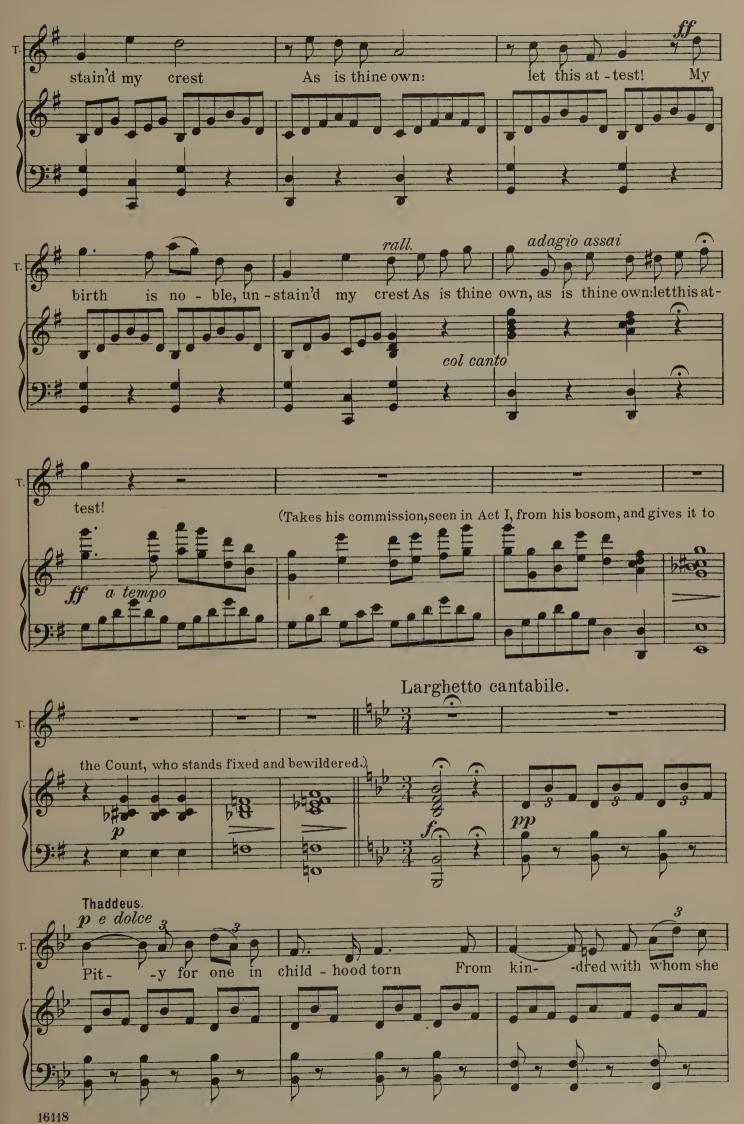


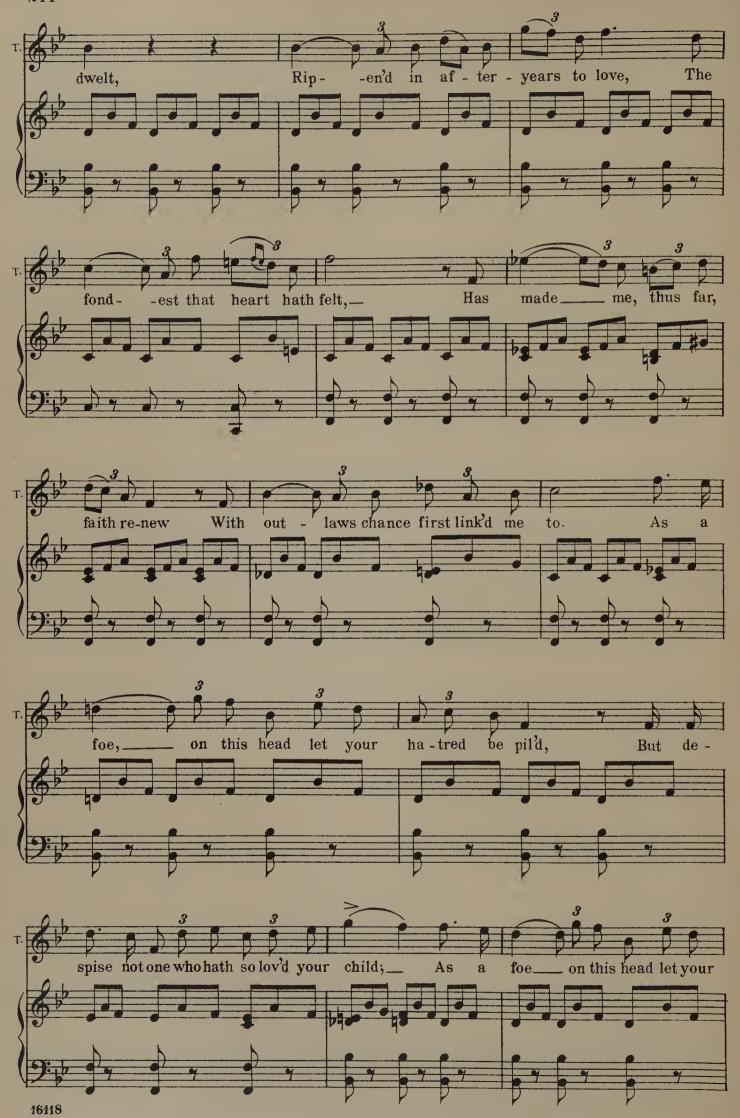


"When the fair land of Poland."
Aria.

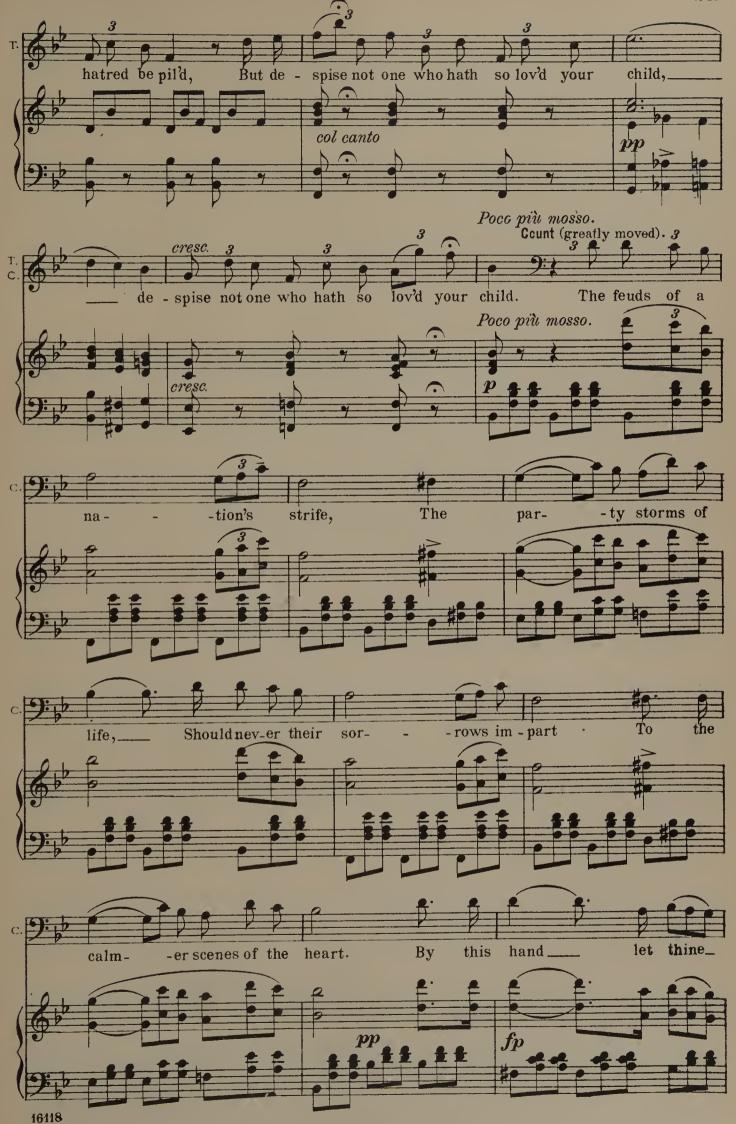


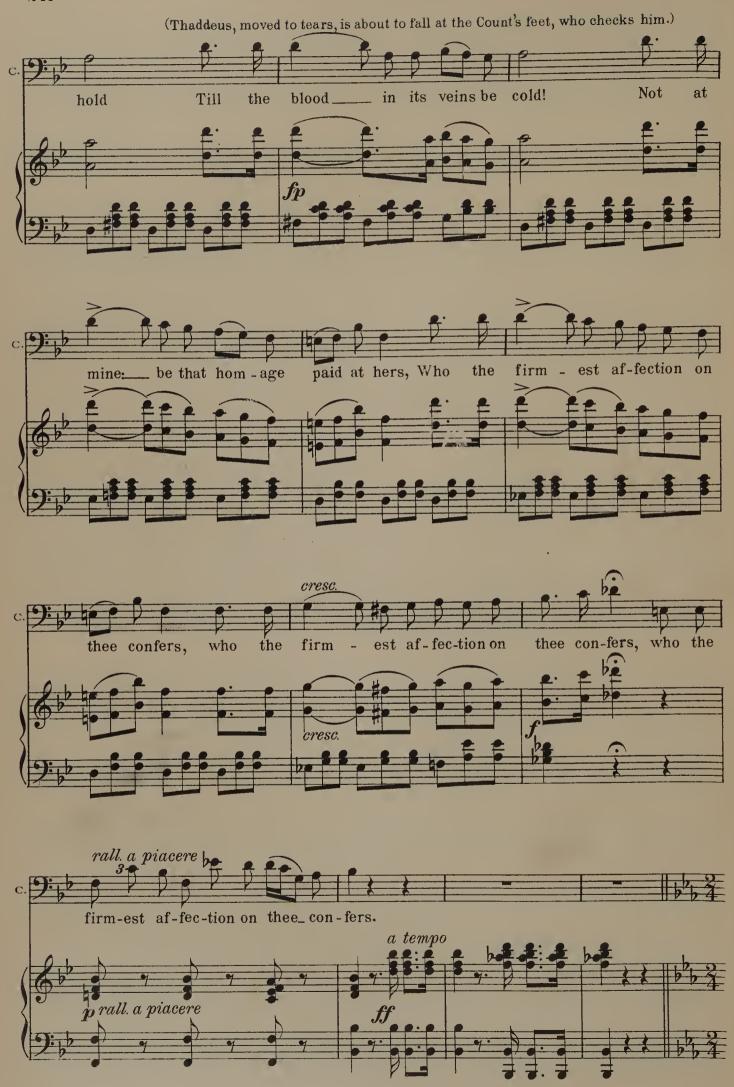




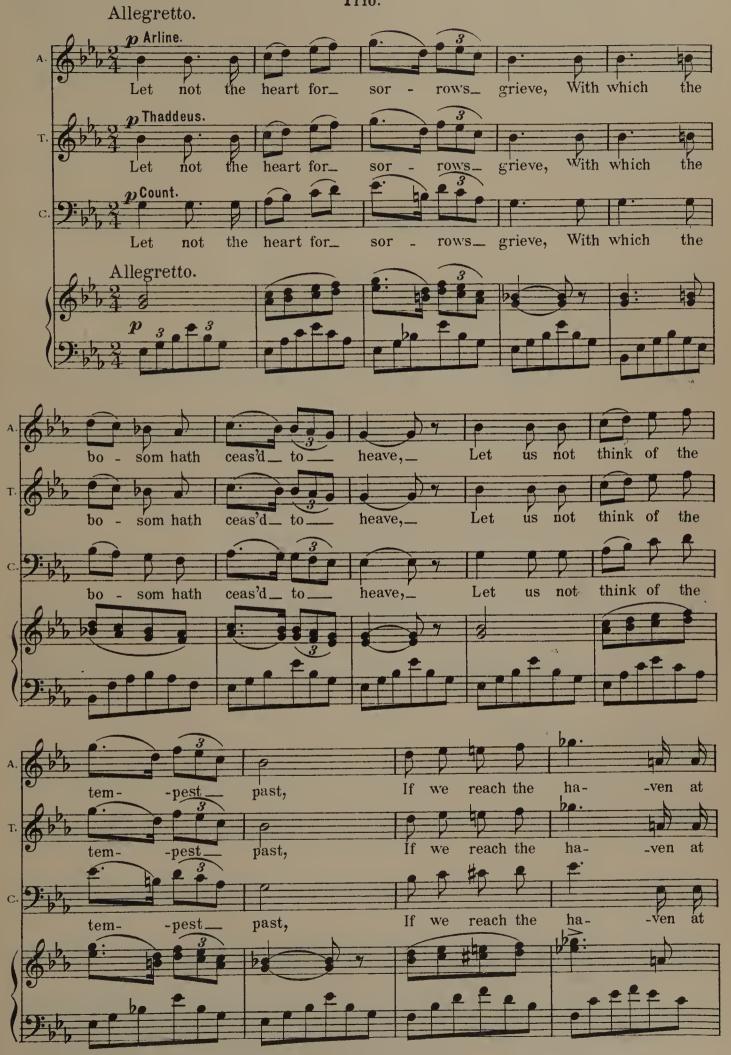


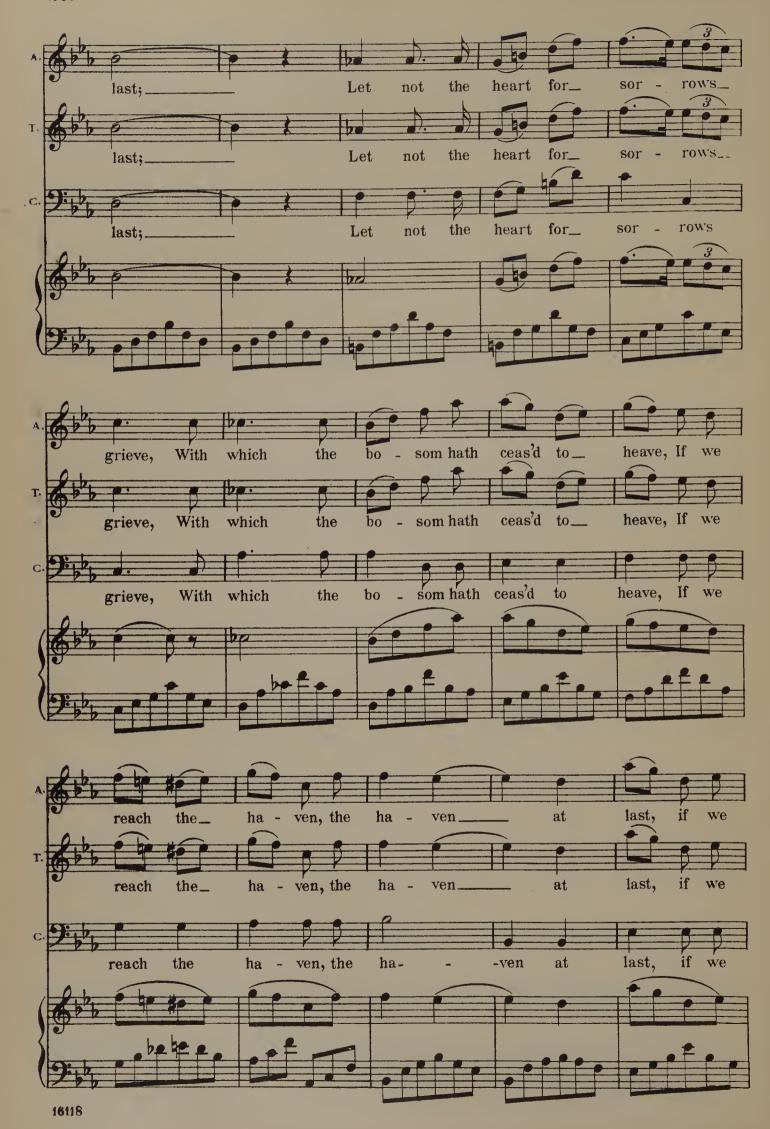


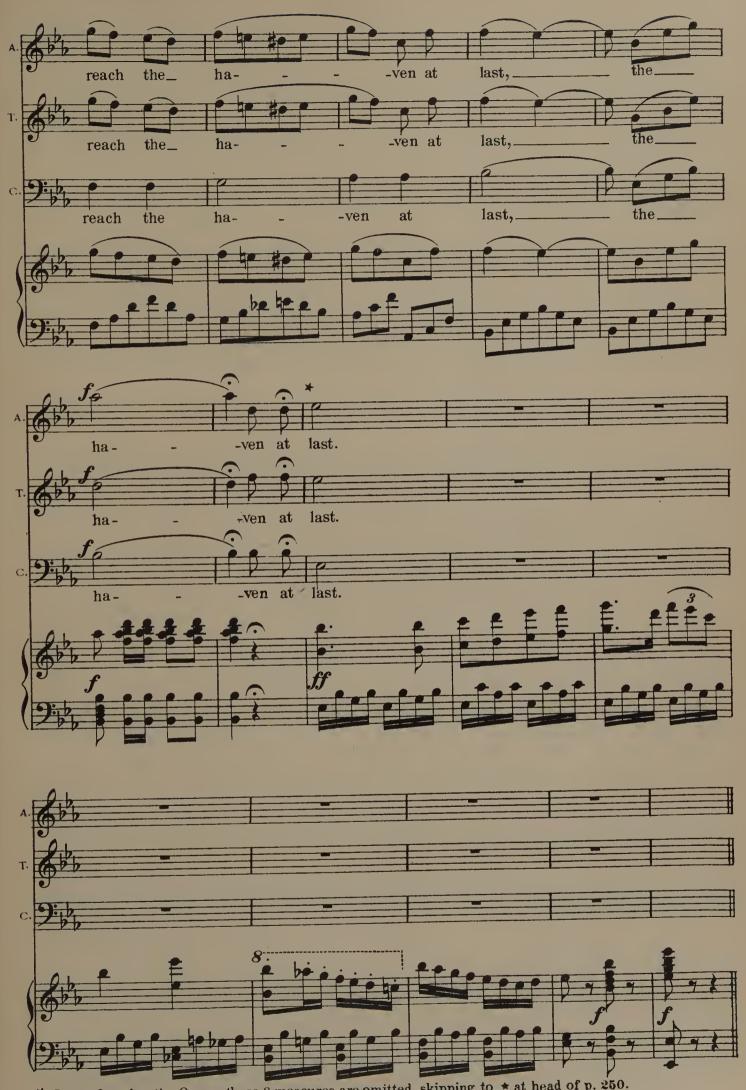




"Let not the heart."
Trio.







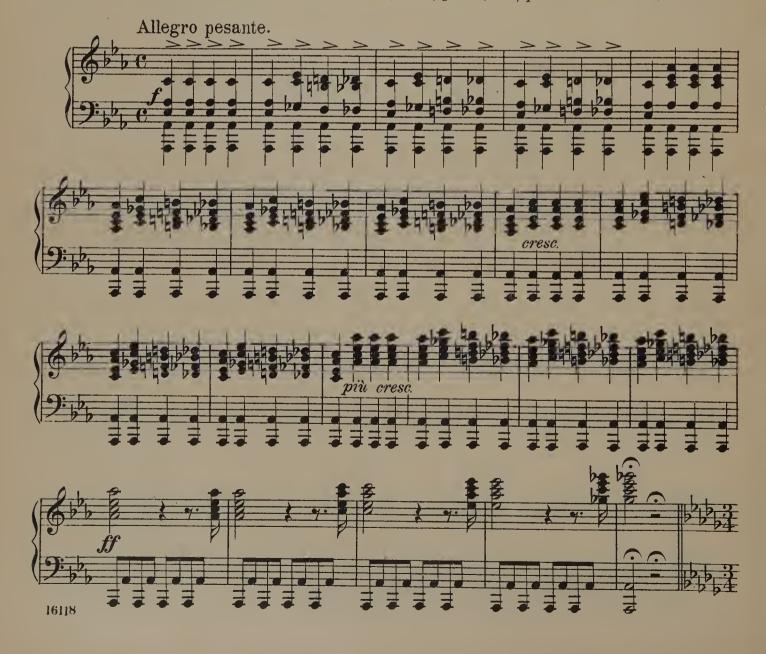
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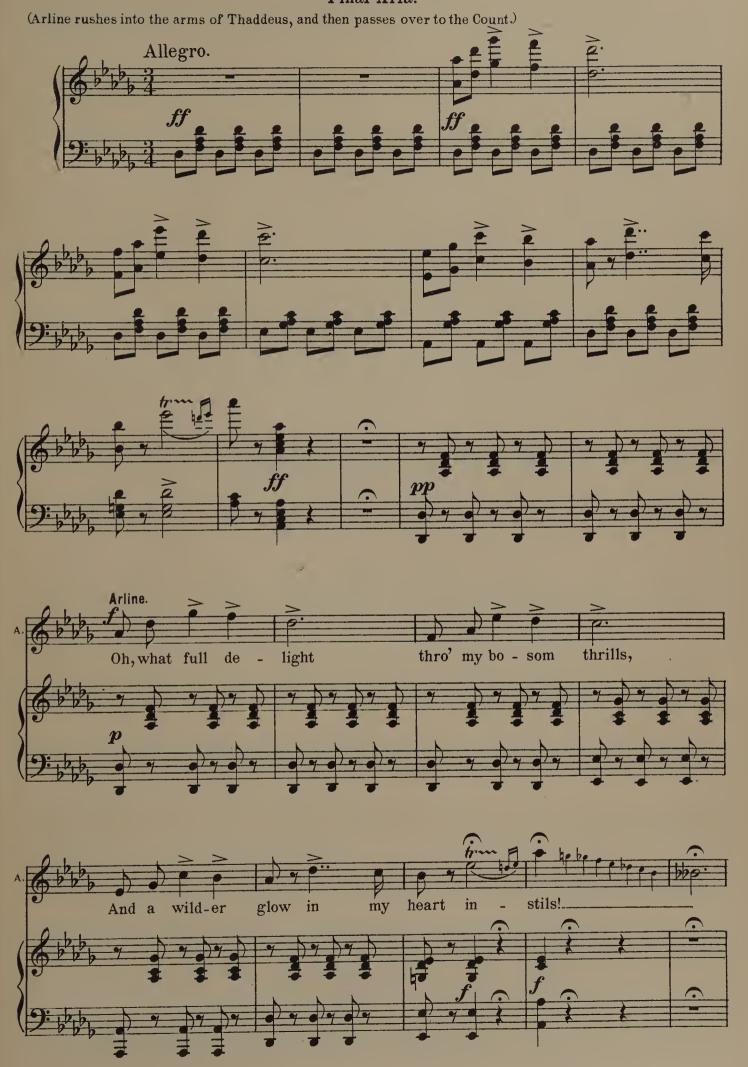
(During the trio, the wan figure of the Queen has been seen at the window in the back, and at the end of it, as Thaddeus is about to embrace Arline, the Queen, in a transport of rage, points him out to a Gipsy by her side, who is in the act of firing at him, when Devilshoof, who has tracked their steps, averts the Gipsy's aim, and by a rapid movement turns the musket towards the Queen—it goes off, and she falls.)

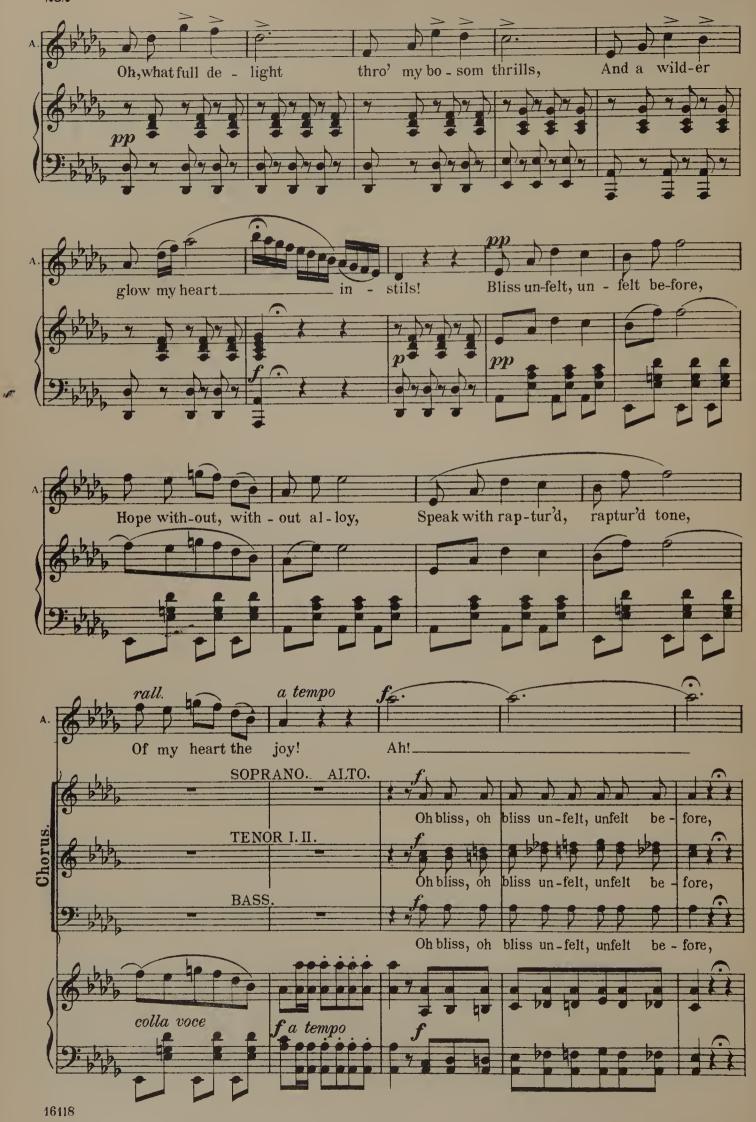
Count. Guard every portal—summon each guest and friend—And this festive scene suspend.

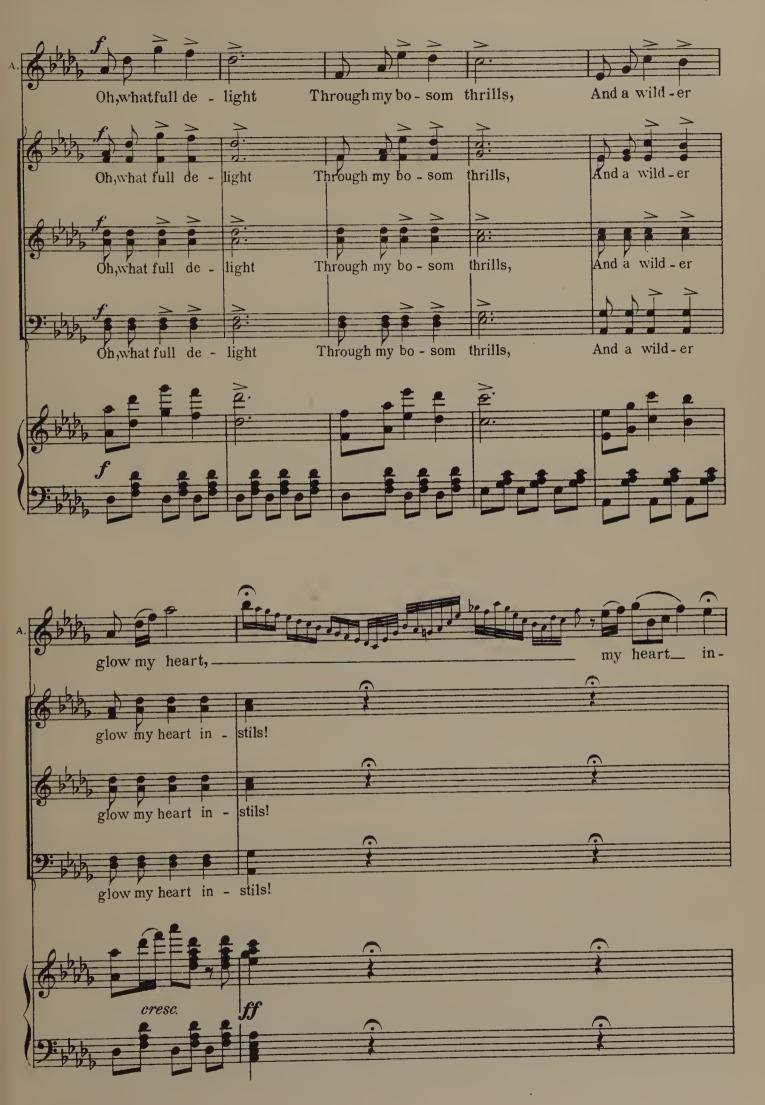
(The distant sound of joyous instruments heard in the saloons, which the intelligence of the catastrophe is supposed to have reached, ceases, and crowds of nobles, ladies, guests, etc., pour in at each door.)



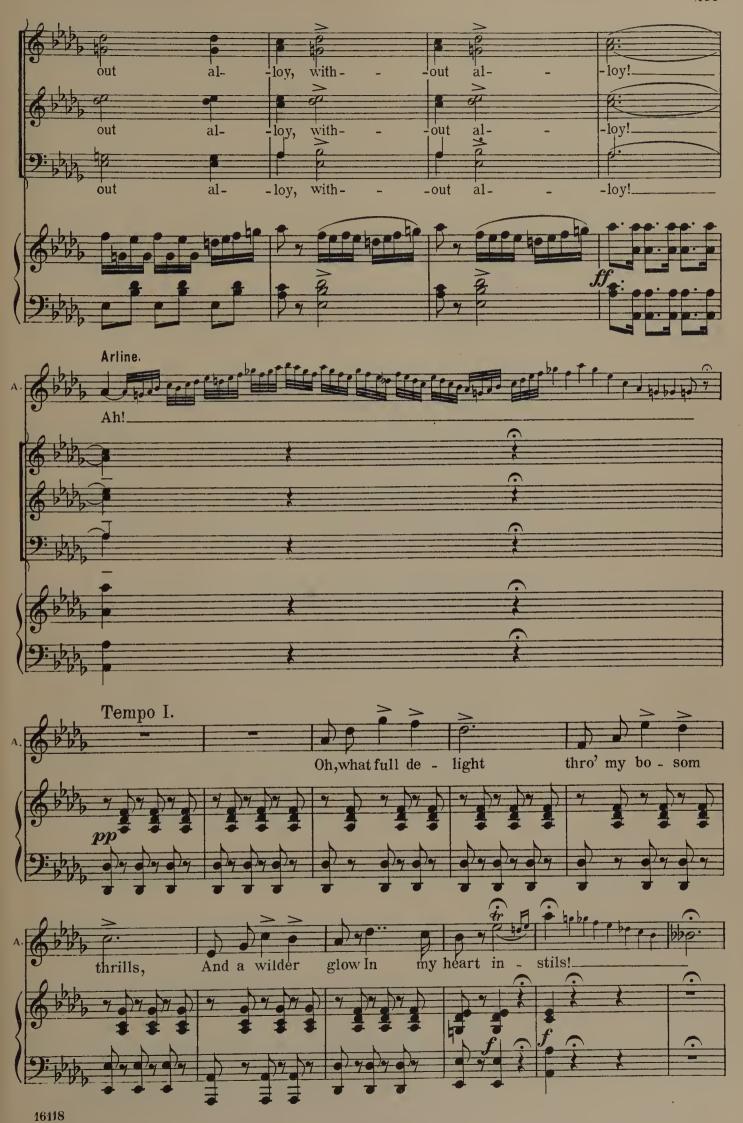
"Oh, what full delight?" Final Aria.

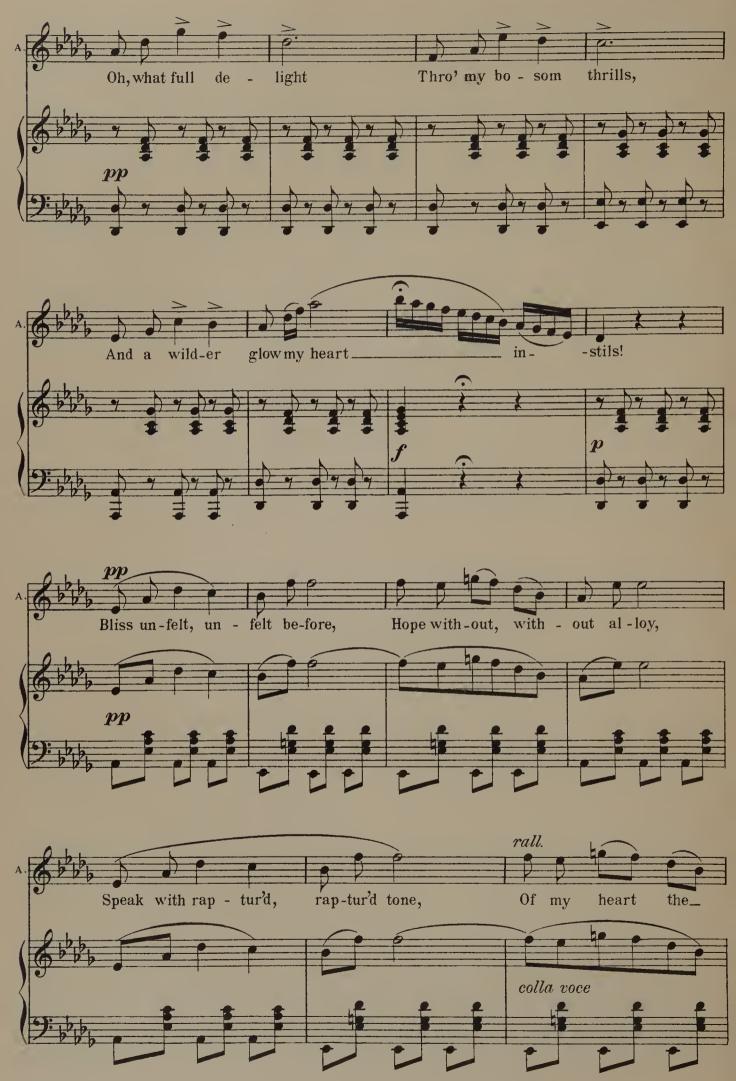


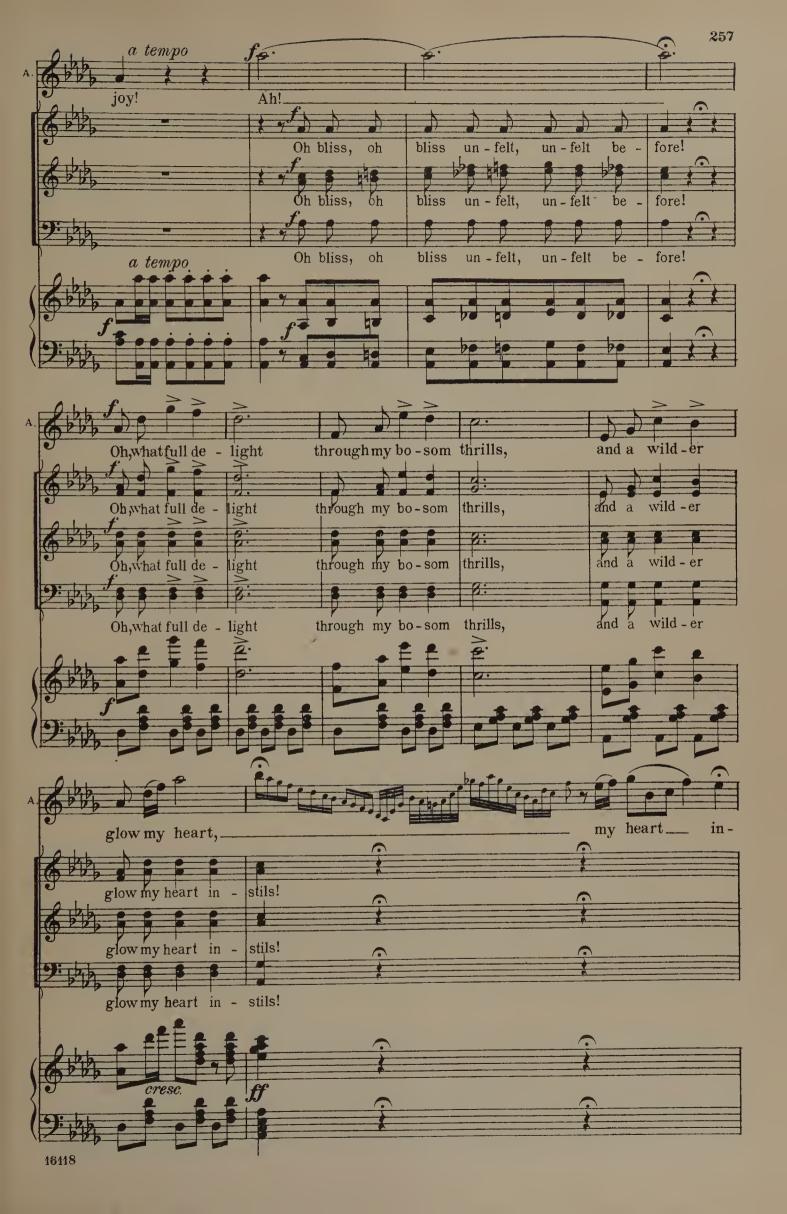


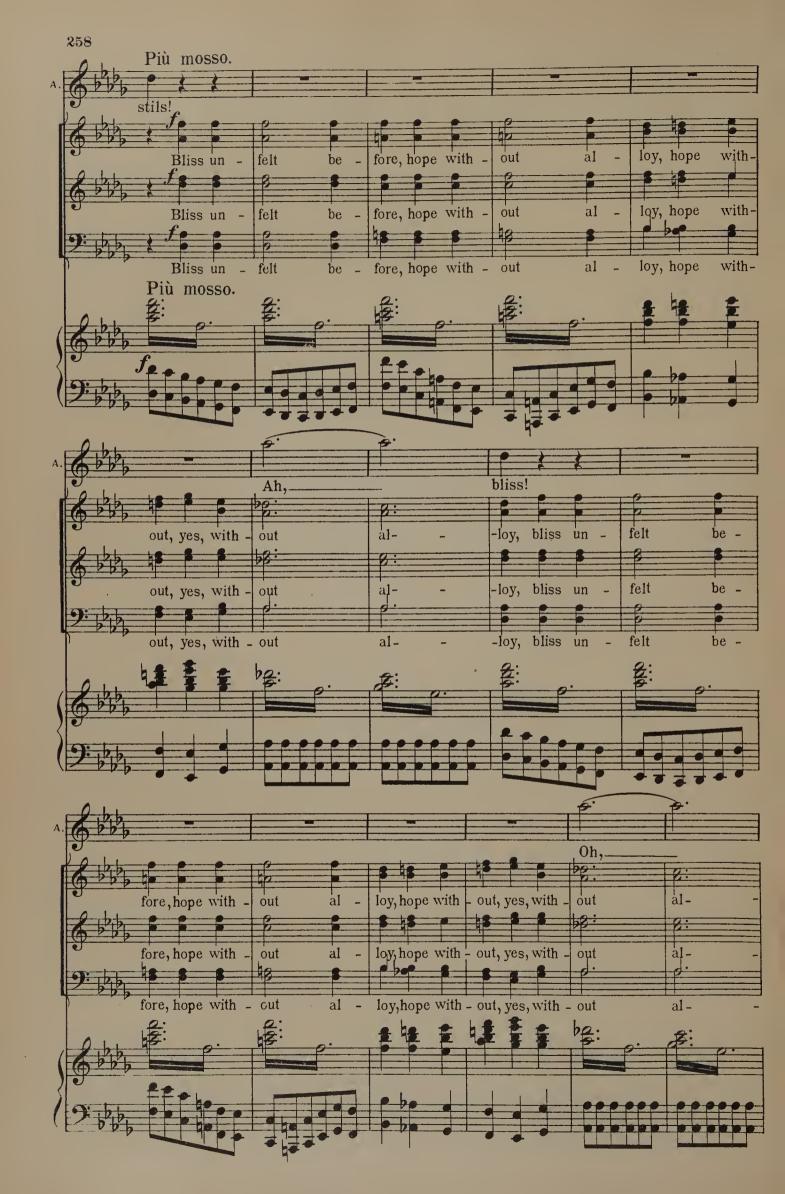






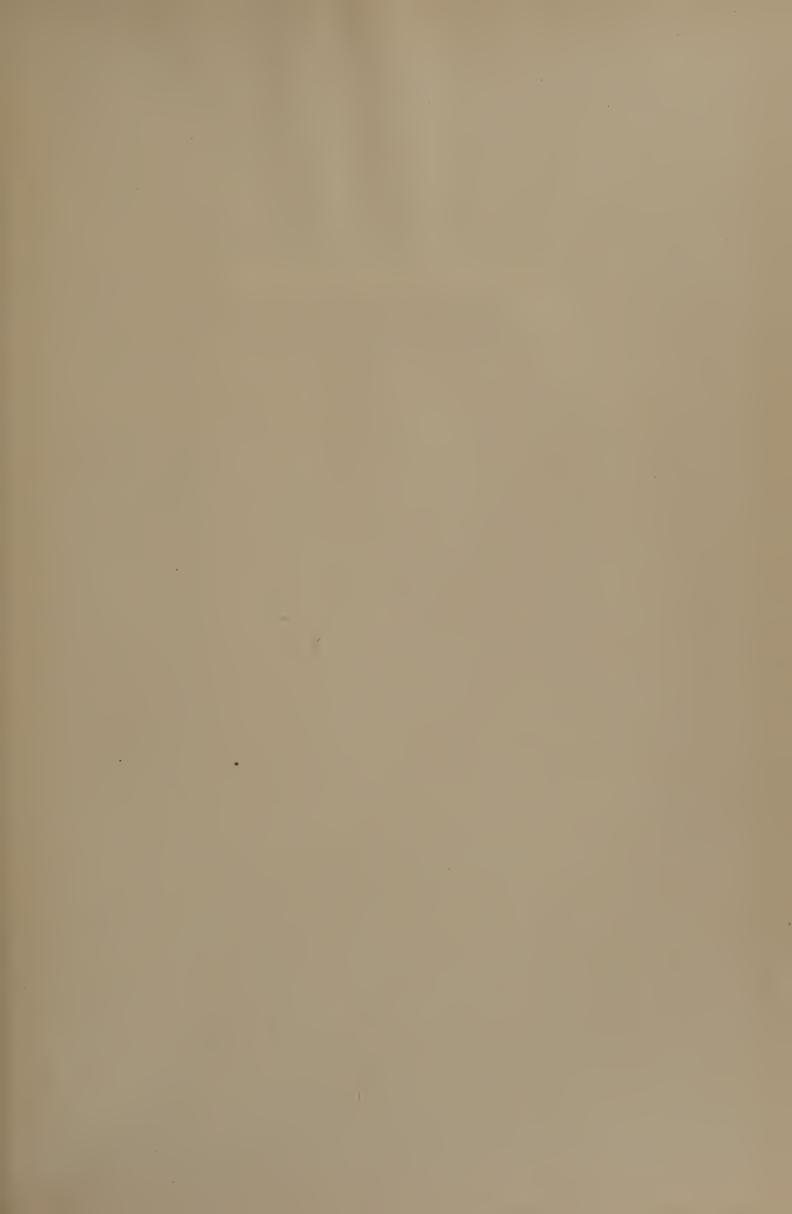












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